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**Around The Army****Korea:**

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Sept. 29 that Camp Humphreys would build "awesome" gyms as part of a \$14.5 million construction project slated to begin in October.

Two state-of-the-art gyms are to be built to give Soldiers more ways to keep fit and more room to do it in. Work is to start in October on the identical physical readiness centers. Both are to be done by spring 2007.

They'll be bigger and better-equipped than the post's existing gym, which was built in 1976, is showing its age and often is crowded, said Jim Howell, Area III Support Activity community recreation director.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit [www.estrises.com](http://www.estrises.com) on the Web.

**Fort Knox:**

The Turret reported Sept. 28 that the Army had selected Actus Lend Lease to build and manage post housing. Selection of Actus Lend Lease, LLC to develop the Community Development and Management Plan for Fort Knox family housing is part of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative.

Actus Lend Lease will work with Fort Knox to develop the CDMP, which will serve as the blueprint for the post's residential communities.

Preparation of the CDMP is expected to take about six months. About \$250 million in private sector debt and equity will be spent during the initial eight-year development phase to renovate existing and construct new family housing on post.

During this initial development phase, about 1,800 homes will be built and another 375 renovated.

Over the anticipated 50-year term of the partnership, all family housing on Fort Knox will be renovated or replaced.

For more about this story and other news about Fort Knox, Ky., visit [www.thenewstribune.com/turret/](http://www.thenewstribune.com/turret/) on the Web.

**Fort Rucker:**

The Army Flier reported Sept. 22 that evacuated families on post were awaiting the chance to return home.

The lobby of the single Soldier barracks was full of life Monday (Sept. 19) night as evacuated families from New Orleans gathered around the big screen to see their Saints battle the New York Giants.

Capt. Kenneth Leblanc, chief of the force analysis branch at the Department of Combat Developments, watched with 14 of 28 family members who came to Fort Rucker to escape the wrath of Katrina. Now living in the barracks of 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment, the families discussed their journeys between intermittent cheers for a touchdown. Traveling the first 250 miles inland took the families upwards of 10 hours.

For more on this story and other Fort Rucker, Ala., news, visit [www.armyflyer.com/](http://www.armyflyer.com/) on the Web.

## Buildings sprout

**'Modulars' will temporarily house new units***Staff report*

Workers have begun assembling the first of 131 temporary relocatable buildings coming to Fort Riley. The buildings are needed to support the 6th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, being formed on post and the planned

increase in Soldier population, said Larry McGee, director of public works.

Alutiq Manufacturing Contractors are assembling the new buildings. Alutiq is the nation's only Alaska Native Tribal modular construction company.

The first structures will house

the 6th Bde.'s support battalion and are located on Wells Street near the brigade's motor pool and vehicle maintenance facility.

That facility sits on the north side of the posts maintenance and motor pool buildings stretching

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Post/Heronemus  
Alutiq contractors are setting up these temporary portable buildings off Wells Street on Custer Hill to house a support battalion for the 6th Bde., 25th Inf. Div.

## Brigade grows

**New combat unit works to 'stand up'***By Mike Heronemus  
Editor*

Inside the old 937th Engineer Group headquarters building on Custer Hill Sept. 19, the atmosphere resembled the beginning of morning physical training. Soldiers sweated and moved quickly in the heat, responded immediately to whatever new task was ordered and faced the end of the immediate mission with determination and purpose.

It wasn't morning, however. It was the middle of the afternoon. It wasn't PT, either, although there was a lot of physical activity taking place.

The Soldiers are putting together a new combat brigade at Fort Riley. They have little time to waste and expressed some hope the air conditioning would soon be fixed to cool things a bit inside.

A few more than 120 Soldiers belong to the new brigade so far. They're trickling into the 25th Infantry Division brigade every day in "ones and twos, threes and fours," said Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, the airborne infantry Soldier commanding the new light infantry unit of action.

Larger groups of new personnel will be arriving in the near future as the "Tropic Lightning's" new brigade grows toward its authorized strength of about 3,400, he said.

The brigade plans to officially "stand up" Jan. 16, but even then it won't have all its people assigned, Gibbs said. Soldiers will continue to join the brigade into the summer of 2006, he said.

"My No. 1 priority is ensuring that we receive and welcome Soldiers and families as they come into the brigade and the Fort Riley area. I think the happiness of the Soldier and the family (is vital), getting the families settled, kids in school, Soldiers in processed," Gibbs said.

While the new brigade staff works on setting up its systems and tactical standard

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Post/Heronemus  
Sgt. Ralph Parsons (left), a 6th Bde. squad leader, goes over the manual spelling out a "Humvee's" basic initial issue of tools and equipment. Spc. Tashia Johnson, a small arms repair Soldier with the 6th Bde., was working on the brigade commander's and command sergeant major's vehicles Sept. 26 in the brigade motor pool on Wells Street.

## Armor welders fix it, make it

**Torches add safety, beauty to Soldier life***By Noam Levey  
L.A. Times*

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GABE, Iraq — Staff Sgt. Patrick Butler goes to work every day in one of the hottest places in Iraq.

Out by the dusty lots where the Army's 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, parks its trucks and tanks is the welder's shop, a gritty oven where Butler and his colleagues have spent much of the year sweating over better ways to protect U.S. troops.

Part craftsman, part grease monkey, Butler plays a vital if sometimes overlooked role in a place where an extra panel of steel or the right weld can mean the difference between a severed limb and merely a loud thump. "We're kind of mavericks," said Butler, one of the three welders attached to the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, a tank battalion stationed outside Baqubah, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

With thousands of Soldiers killed and injured by improvised bombs on Iraqi roads, the Pentagon has faced persistent criticism that it is not adequately protecting its troops. Many of the Army's vehicles are still only lightly armored.

At Forward Operating Base Gabe, the welders — "my three amigos," the battalion commander calls them — have turned their shop into an armor laboratory and help desk for Soldiers

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## 'Old Soldiers' receive past-due medals

**Gooden earns Silver Star in Vietnam War**

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, looks at a report of the Vietnam battle that earned retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Gooden a Silver Star.

Post/Blackmon

*By April Blackmon  
Staff writer*

Nearly four decades of waiting ended Sept. 24 as retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Gooden stood at attention while Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pinned the Silver Star on Gooden's chest. Gooden, a former 1st Infantry Division command sergeant major who retired at Fort Riley, earned the medal for heroic action

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**Korean War veteran, POW earns U.S. Medal of Honor**

Tibor "Ted" Rubin

*By Sara Wood**American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 2005 — A liberated Jewish prisoner of Adolf Hitler's regime who later served in the U.S. Army was awarded the Medal of Honor Sept. 23 and inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

Sixty years ago, elements of the 11th Armored Division from Patton's own Third Army liberated the Mauthausen concentration

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## Post news in brief

### ATV, dirt bike courses slated

The Installation Safety Office has scheduled the Dirt Bike Rider Course beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 11 and 23 at the McGee Farm.

The ISO also has scheduled an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) Rider Course at the McGee Farm beginning at 9 a.m. on Oct. 3 and 18.

Call 239-2334 or 239-2514 for directions and more information about the courses.

Individuals 6 years old and older may take the class. Riders younger than 16 are restricted to dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles of the size recommended for the rider's age.

Special teaching provisions will be made for students under 16 years old. Parents are encouraged to attend, as well. Students younger than 12 participate in separate classes and a parent must be present during the entire course.

Class size is determined by the age of the students: maximum of eight students 16 and older, maximum of six per instructor/rider coach for students 12 to 15 and maximum of four students age 6 to 11 and parent or guardian must attend.

Students under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the release and consent form.

### ID card center to close for day

The Fort Riley ID card center will be closed to the public on Oct. 3 to handle a unit demobilization. It will close all day Oct. 17 for a computer server software upgrade.

For more information, call Gary K. Morris at 239-3654 or 239-3698.

## Silver Star

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while servicing in Vietnam. The chairman presented the award at a ceremony at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"I'm just glad that the record is finally done, 40 years later," Myers told Gooden. "Thank you for a job well done."

Gooden originally received the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for his actions Nov. 17, 1965, in the battle of Ia Drang. Gooden said he was notified 25 years after he retired that the award has been upgraded.

"I was delighted. I didn't know they were going to make it into a Silver Star. I thought the action I did did deserve a higher award than I had received," he said. "It's great. It finally came to what it should be."

Ia Drang was the first major battle for the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Gooden, a sergeant first class at the time, served in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, as assistant operations sergeant.

During the intense battle, the unit was surrounded by a large number of North Vietnamese regulars who were threatening to annihilate the Soldiers in the land-

ing zone.

"It was a hell of a battle," Gooden said. "They were fresh troops; we were almost worn out. We'd been trudging through the jungle for about two weeks ... but we got through it."

Although wounded early in the battle, Gooden soldiered on. Disregarding his wounds and safety, he attacked several enemy machine gun positions. Using hand grenades and a machine gun, he succeeded in silencing the enemy fire and temporarily opened a passage through enemy lines.

"They had us locked in, there's no doubt about it. But the machine guns worked. When you let off 50 rounds in a few minutes, you'd hear nothing but a wall of bodies fall."

"Then all of a sudden, after that, everything was real quiet. I said, 'Oh, wow. Hey guys, let's go get out of here!' 'cause they're still coming in, fresh troops. So we got out," Gooden said.

He rallied his fellow Soldiers and established a defensive position. The unit fought off a number of attacks, and Gooden led the Soldiers to a firebase more than two miles away.



Post/Blackmon

**Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Gooden, who retired at Fort Riley as the 1st Inf. Div. command sergeant major, accepts congratulations from a well-wisher after receiving the Silver Star for his heroic actions in the Vietnam War.**

"We stayed in an open field overnight. The next morning, Nov. 18, I yelled, 'friendlies, don't shoot,' 'cause they had just been in a big battle that night."

"They had an infantry company guarding the fire support base. We went in, and the next morning they loaded us on the choppers and sent us to the hospital."

Some 122 Soldiers were wounded in the battle. Even more were killed. One hundred fifty-one Soldiers died and four were missing in action and later were determined to be killed in action.

"We took a hell of a lot of casualties - the bloodiest battle of the war for one day. I hate to say that ... it was a slaughter. You wouldn't

believe it," Gooden said.

"I lost some good men. They died for their country ... I tried to save them, but you know, leadership can only go so far when you're one man in a tight situation," he said.

Gooden said he wasn't sure how or why he survived the battle, but said he did have an idea.

"I still think about this. I should've been killed. I know ... I think there's something called 'divine intervention.' You know, God's looking out for, they say, fools and idiots, and I guess I was one he looked out for," Gooden said with a chuckle.

"They had to have someone tell the story," he suggested.

Once he recovered from his wounds, Gooden was sent back to a desk job before returning to the United States in July 1966. He served a second tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

During his military career, Gooden served five tours in Europe.

He was an instructor at West Point and at the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.

For his final assignment, he returned to Fort Riley and retired in 1980.

## Medal of Honor

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camp in Austria. Among the prisoners freed was Tibor "Ted" Rubin, a 15-year-old Hungarian who had lost his father, mother and sister to concentration camps.

Five years later, Rubin joined the U.S. Army and showed his appreciation for his newly adopted country by serving in the Korean War as a rifleman with Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

On Oct. 30, 1950, after an intense nighttime battle in which Rubin manned a .30-caliber machine gun where three previous gunners had been killed, he was wounded and captured by the Chinese.

He spent 30 months in a prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea.

The valiant actions that set Rubin apart from his comrades were finally recognized this

month during the White House ceremony in which he received the nation's highest military decoration.

Speaking at the White House, President Bush said that by awarding the Medal of Honor to Rubin, the United States acknowledges a debt "that time has not diminished."

"Cpl. Tibor 'Ted' Rubin's many acts of courage during the Korean War saved the lives of hundreds of his fellow Soldiers," Bush said.

"In the heat of battle, he inspired his comrades with his fearlessness, and amid the inhumanity of a Chinese prisoner of war camp, he gave them hope," the president said.

Before the nighttime battle in which he was captured, Rubin waged a 24-hour personal battle,

single-handedly defending a hill assaulted by North Korean troops, according to the citation. He inflicted a staggering number of casualties and slowed the enemy advance, allowing his regiment to complete its withdrawal successfully.

After being captured, Rubin refused offers to be returned to his native Hungary.

He snuck out of the camp at night in search of food for his fellow prisoners and provided them with desperately needed medical care, according to the citation.

His actions were directly attributed to saving the lives of as many as 40 of his fellow prisoners.

The Soldiers who served with Rubin speak of him as a Soldier with great skill and courage who gladly risked his life for others, Bush said. Those whom Rubin

helped save have never forgotten their debt to him, he said.

"Many heroes are remembered in monuments of stone," Bush said. "The monuments to Cpl. Rubin are a legacy of life. We see his legacy in the many American families whose husbands, fathers and sons returned home safely because of his efforts. We see his legacy in the free and democratic South Korea that grew on the soil of his sacrifice. And we see his legacy in a new generation of American men and women in uniform who were inspired to their own acts of courage and compassion."

Rubin lived and epitomized the warrior ethos, which is to always place the mission first, to never accept defeat, to never quit and to never leave a fallen comrade. Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey

said at the Pentagon ceremony.

"Cpl. Rubin answered the call to duty with valor, integrity and unyielding bravery," Harvey said. "I cannot think of anyone who better exemplifies a love of country, a willingness to sacrifice through his personal actions, than Ted Rubin."

At the Pentagon ceremony, Rubin said living in America was his dream come true and that his service in the Army was his way of paying back the country that was so kind to him.

"I could never have dreamed of being here with the Medal of Honor and joining other heroes, but my dream came true in the greatest country in the world," Rubin said.

"The real heroes ... are the Soldiers who give their lives defending freedom," he said.

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Alutiq employees pour concrete Sept. 27 at the Custer Hill site of the temporary buildings that will house the support battalion headquarters and company operations facility for the 6th Bde., 25th Inf. Div.

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along the north and west sides of Appenines Drive on Custer Hill. When assembled, the new structure will combine 12 relocatable modules placed side-by-side to form a battalion headquarters and company operations facility, McGee said.

Site work to set up the relocatable buildings will cost about \$25 million, and the relocatable buildings for the 6th Bde. will cost another \$50 million, McGee said.

### More portable buildings needed

Fort Riley also is seeking approval and funding for 189 more temporary relocatable buildings to support the temporary bed-down of other Army organizations coming to the post, he said.

"We are requesting approximately \$126 million for the interim bed-down facilities for the aviation brigade, division headquarters and sustainment brigade," McGee said.

Most of the temporary relocatable buildings will be located in Camp Funston, McGee said. Some of the relocatable structures will be placed near Caldwell Clinic to house the post's inspector general and 24th Infantry Division's G4 (logistics) staff, he added.

Other relocatable units will be set up near Irwin Army Community Hospital to handle Soldiers

who are medical holdovers, McGee said.

Relocatable buildings for the combat aviation brigade will be set up at Marshall Army Air Field and at Camp Funston.

Other relocatables will be placed on Main Post, on Custer Hill and at Camp Funston to house activities of the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters and new sustainment brigade, he continued.

Work to prepare sites for new relocatables at Camp Funston and near Caldwell Clinic has started, McGee said.

Some of the structures going up will be metal buildings set on concrete pads, such as those used for vehicle maintenance. Others, such as those used as offices and barracks are factory built modular units commonly referred to as "trailers," McGee explained.

For safety, Fort Riley will construct concrete protective weather shelters near relocatables being used to house single Soldiers, he added. These would not be considered adequate for families but provide marginal protection for able-bodied Soldiers, McGee said.

Relocatables are approved for six years of use, he added, emphasizing that Fort Riley must have an exit plan detailing construction of permanent replacement facilities by the end of that six years.

Fort Riley will begin constructing permanent facilities in fiscal

year 2006 (begins Oct. 1, 2005) and continue for the next five or more years, McGee said. As permanent facilities are completed and relocatable facilities are no longer required, the relocatables will be removed or demolished. Some of the temporary buildings may be relocated to wherever the Army needs them, he said.

### Construction delays not concern yet

Delays in erecting the relocatables may result from hurricane damage and relief construction, but so far "we have only experienced minor delays in the delivery of the relocatable buildings due to a shortage of drivers" to move the oversized loads, McGee said.

Diversion of raw materials to repair and rebuild structures in areas hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and diversion of factory manufacturing and assembly lines building the relocatable units also could occur, McGee said, but it is too early to determine any slowdown because of those reasons.

In addition to the temporary relocatable buildings planned at Fort Riley, the post is constructing a \$22 million permanent Operational Readiness Training Center at Camp Funston. The center contains two-story annual training barracks for use by Reserve component Soldiers coming to Fort Riley to train.

### About Alutiiq:

*The Alaskan company has partnerships with leading providers of custom commercial modular buildings and fast track construction services, according to the company's Web site.*

*It has offices throughout the United States and more than 3,500 employees worldwide who are dedicated to customer service and developing quality products.*

*It owns a manufacturing facility in Port MacKenzie, Alaska.*

*It provides partial to full turnkey construction in everything from simple portable buildings to highly complex permanent modular facilities, such as military barracks, office space ranging from 500 square feet to more than 250,000 square feet and medical buildings with a variety of custom design medical spaces, full clinical space, research laboratories and recovery centers.*

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seeking answers to questions about how to repair a tank or where to find a car part back home.

Steel plates cut in various shapes and sizes lie scattered on workbenches next to canisters of oxygen and argon gas. In one corner of the shop, designs for armor plates are scrawled on a whiteboard. Two bullet-riddled plates the welders had tested at the shooting range lean on a pillar nearby.

"They do amazing work," said their commander, Capt. Paul Deegan, 31, a metallurgist from Longmont, Colo., who shows off photos of his 1956 Buick and knows the best junkyard near the unit's home base in Kansas.

In addition to its life-and-death work, the team has welded intricate designs on the base gates and built a fire truck. The team also is working on a rowing machine for the gym.

"With this job, you get asked to

build a barbecue grill or two," said Butler, a 37-year-old Reading, Pa., native who has been an Army welder for 16 years.

The unofficial chief of the welding crew is Staff Sgt. Jerry D. Theriault, or Sgt. T., as he is known in the Army, where complicated last names are often reduced to their first letter.

**'Sgt. T.' known as master craftsman**

Theriault, 36, joined the service out of high school back in Connecticut and is known around the shop as the master craftsman, a welder who can shape a piece of metal into a work of art to adorn an armor-plated 5-ton truck.

"I can take a drawing and turn it into something like no one I've ever seen," said Butler, who, like Theriault, became an Army welder after high school. "I'm more of a blacksmith. I like to

heat a piece of metal and bend it and twist it and make it mine."

Spe. Lester Jackson, a 27-year-old Kansas City, Kan. native, is the team's junior man. "He just gets beat up," Butler said of his colleague. "T tells him one thing. I tell him another. It's like a Jedi thing."

For a while, they were also joined by 12-year-old Irman, an Iraqi boy who used to come to the base with a relative who did laundry for the battalion.

"Within three weeks, we had him welding," Butler said fondly, recalling that Irman took to the work with such gusto that the welders had to hold him back from trying to use all the shop's tools and gadgets.

Irman had to be told to leave after he was caught stealing. "I still miss him sometimes," Butler said.

Welding is dirty, sweaty work in a place where summer temperatures reach 130 degrees and a

welding mask can make it feel like 160. "I tell people if they can weld in Iraq, they can weld anywhere," said Theriault, standing by a garbage can overflowing with empty water and Gatorade bottles.

The team has been busy nearly every day since the battalion arrived in Kuwait and then drove north to Baqubah in February. It has added plating to "Humvees" and strengthened the protection around gun turrets on many of the battalion's transport trucks.

**Team takes pride in truck**

The pride of the workshop is the "Team Truck," a flatbed the welders covered with plating and outfitted with a roof, custom-built folding steps and "Humvee" seats to transport troops going home on leave.

On the back of the truck, Theri-

ault added meticulously crafted sabers and a spade, the logos of two units in the battalion that have suffered casualties.

On this day, Theriault, Butler and Jackson are busy on their latest project, cutting steel plates to install in two lightweight Russian jeeps they are armoring for the Iraqi army.

Theriault designed a scheme for one and Deegan, who studied metallurgy at the Colorado School of Mines, has worked up a plan for the other. "We've got a little bit of a competition going," Theriault said.

The quality of the vehicles doesn't impress any of the welders. But they keep cutting.

"Anything I can do to keep the medics out of business is good for me," Butler said. "That's kind of my mantra this year."

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## Post news in brief

### Soldiers must complete course

All Soldiers must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course before registering their motorcycles or mopeds on Fort Riley.

The Installation Safety Office will offer the required Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course on 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Building 727 on Marshall Army Airfield.

Those attending the course must be licensed by a civil authority, possess a motorcycle in safe operating condition with insurance as required by Kansas law, and wear personal protective equipment required by Appendix B of Army Regulation 385-55.

For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 239-2334 or 239-2514.

### Ed services to host forum

Fort Riley Education Services will host an education forum Oct. 18-19 at Riley's Conference Center. The main focus will be "Meeting the Post-Secondary Educational Needs of the Expanding Fort Riley Community."

The Fort Riley community, including senior military and civilian leadership, Soldiers and family members, Department of the Army civilians and the community at-large, is invited to attend.

Speakers will be prominent individuals from academia, government, business, civic, law and the military.

For more information, call Education Services at 239-8268.

### Hospital marks center's opening

Irwin Army Community Hospital will host a grand opening ceremony and open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13 for the new Women's Health Center.

Occupying the entire third floor of the hospital, the center will be home to the Obstetrics/Gynecology Clinic, post-

partum/ante-partum and gynecology ward and the mother-baby birthing center.

The open house culminates work begun in May 2004 and is open to hospital staff, beneficiaries and Fort Riley employees.

### Environmental training set

The Environmental Division staff has scheduled the following training courses in October: **Environmental Team Training:** Class begins at 9 a.m. each day, Oct. 3-4, in Room 6, Building 407.

Environmental Team training certifies environmental team leaders and members on how to handle hazardous materials and waste handling as well as spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties.

For information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with the battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

### Holiday will alter trash pickup

The post refuse schedule will change Oct. 10-14 to accommodate the Columbus Day holiday. The schedule is:

**Oct. 10** – No pick up. Federal Holiday in observance of Columbus Day.

**Oct. 11** – Colyer Manor, Main Post and the dumpster at Building 620.

**Oct. 12** – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Monticelli Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, Marshall Army Airfield and dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 471, 540, 542, and 5309.

**Oct. 13** – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights and dumpster at Building 620. (No change from regular schedule.)

**Oct. 14** – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights and Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue. (No change from regular schedule.)

For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.

## Soldiers warned of 'fake' uniforms

By LaShonda Bush  
AAFES

DALLAS – While Soldiers await the arrival of the new Army Combat Uniform, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Army G1 Uniform Policy Section are receiving numerous complaints regarding commercial retailers offering look-alike uniforms that do not meet the Army's specifications for quality and design.

"Some commercial outlets are aggressively appealing to Soldiers awaiting the arrival of the official ACU in January," said Military Clothing Sales Store Army Program Manager Maj. Rachel Danielson.

AAFES has received complaints regarding commercial retailers delivering non-spec uniforms while representing themselves as an official MCSS. An Army Reserve staff sergeant who received a look-alike uniform advised of numerous problems.

"There was no NSN number on the label," wrote Staff Sgt. Grant Von Letkemann. "The top did not have a hellowed back, the arm pockets did not have the IR square or the covering tab, there was no pen pocket on the left sleeve and the zippers were not as described in the PEO one sheet for the ACU. The bottoms did not have a drawstring on the hip pocket, there were cinch straps on the sides and no drawstring in the front. The flag was not the (correct) size...I looked at the invoice and saw that there was no AAFES logo or letterhead. The invoice had the title 'Military Clothing Sales Store MCSS.'"

AAFES MCSS stores are operated only on military installations. All AAFES-operated MCSS stores are listed by installation under the "store locator" link at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).



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Pfc. Robert Aydelott (front) and Spc. Michael Webb carry a floor grate from a petroleum storage shed at the old 937th Engineer Group motor pool area on Wells Street. The two petroleum supply specialists were checking out and cleaning the fenced-in area Sept. 26. The two specialists comprise the brigade's motor pool hazardous materials control team.

## 6th Brigade

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### 6th Bde., 25th Inf. Div.

*The 6th Bde. is organizing as part of the 25th Inf. Div.*

*As such, members of the brigade wear the "Tropic Lightning" shoulder patch of the 25th Inf. Div.*

*The 1st Inf. Div. is designated to return to Fort Riley from Germany sometime in the future.*

*The 6th Bde. will become part of the 1st Inf. Div. sometime in the future, but the actual designation has not been announced by the Department of the Army.*

*When that redesignation occurs, the brigade's members will switch to the "Big Red One" shoulder patch.*

been written.

"The first two weeks in November we will do what I call 'omega training.' The leaders will go to the field and work through the tactical SOPs to validate what we wrote and to work through them so we know them," Gibbs said.

"It's training the trainers," he emphasized. The SOPs will cover everything from applying camouflage to a Soldier's face to the markings that will be put on rucksacks, how to pack a rucksack and tactical maneuvers, Gibbs added.

After "omega training," the brigade will train all its Soldiers and units to a level of competence that puts the brigade in the second phase of the life cycle – "ready" status, Gibbs went on.

That status indicates the brigade is capable of deploying to a combat area, he said, but, "it doesn't mean we will be called to deploy."

The final year of the life cycle is generally the time a unit of action would deploy, Gibbs said, but, again, that doesn't mean the brigade would deploy. Deployment depends on the needs of the Army, he emphasized.

Should the 6th Bde. never deploy, the three-year life cycle starts over with a new corps of leaders, Gibbs said.

The Army's strategy, Gibbs explained, is to stand up a life-cycle brigade and give it enough time to become proficient as a combat team.

The 6th Bde. is going through the first phase of that life cycle – reset and train, he said.

Training will begin after all the SOPs and tactical documents have

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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

Why do you think the Army has less of a racial tension problem than civilian communities often exhibit?



"In the Army, you work so close together. (In the Army) You have to live with the people around you. In New York, you don't spend a lot of time paying attention to the people around you, but you have to in the Army."

Spec. Brooke Bradbury  
Chemical specialist  
172nd Chemical Company  
Home: Redding, Calif.



"It's because we all got to work together. (In the Army) You have to learn to live with the people around you. In New York, you don't spend a lot of time paying attention to the people around you, but you have to in the Army."

Pvt. Latoya Dawkins  
Chemical specialist  
HHC, 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div.  
Home: New York City



"You need to depend on the person on your left and on your right and they have to depend on you."

Pvt. Tanya Dosilico  
Chemical specialist  
172nd Chemical Company  
Home: Schenectady, N.Y.



"It's the regulations and the equal opportunity complaint system. We get better training about working together. Civilian communities are still divided."

Staff Sgt. Vicente Almeda  
Howitzer section chief  
6th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division  
Home: Fajardo, Puerto Rico



"Civilian communities don't have to work together. If we don't pull together, we can't get anything done. For me, being from California, it (overlooking race) comes natural. That's almost the norm in California."

Spec. James Paris  
Fueller  
1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery  
Home: San Diego

### Next week's question:

What did you like most about the open house? Why? What would you add next year?

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Dr. (Maj.)  
Brad Woods

By Dr. Brad Woods  
Chief, Combined Surgical Clinic

Health officials estimate there will be 232,000 new cases of prostate cancer diagnosed in 2005.

The American Cancer Society estimates one in six men is at a lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer. he risk is higher for those with a family history (father or brother diagnosed at an early age) of prostate cancer and

for those African-American men and veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

Early prostate cancer has no symptoms and is best discovered through annual testing. A

men age 50 and older should ask their physician about prostate cancer screening during their yearly health physical.

For those at higher risk, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition recommends beginning screening no later than age 45.

Most importantly, older men should have an annual physical, provide their physician with a complete medical and family history and ask about cancer screening.

A person's physician can help decide on the best screening methods and schedule the screening.

Dr. (Maj.) Brad Woods is Cancer Committee Chairman and Commission on Cancer Liaison Physician at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

### Male health

## Some men higher risk for prostate cancer

### From the front lines

## Is Iraq another Vietnam? Vets say 'No'

By Tom Clarkson  
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A number of professionals in Iraq today qualify to answer the question: Is Iraq another Vietnam? They are men who served in Vietnam and are now helping to rebuild Iraq. In just a few weeks, I found more than 60 of these veterans working in a variety of capacities throughout Iraq.

From 1964 to 1971, they served in the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy from the Gulf of Tonkin to the Demilitarized Zone. Their ages range from 31 to 70.

The once hard-bodied young soldiers are a little paunchy now, a little grayer and a little slower, but they are no less committed to serving their country.

In fact, 11 are still in uniform — three colonels, five lieutenant colonels, two major sergeants and one warrant officer.

The others are federal employees or contractors.

Their tours of duty in Iraq range from six months to more than 18.

They are today, as they were

in Vietnam, a diverse lot.

These veterans say that it was a mistake to do so much for the South Vietnamese, both militarily and in the civil sector.

They say we made two major errors.

First, we took away their pride and sense of self-sufficiency and gave them the impression that we felt ourselves to be superior, generous entities who would solve their difficulties.

Second, we failed to educate them for when they would have to take care of themselves. We failed to heed the old parable: "Give a man a fish and he eats for one day. Teach him to fish and he eats for the rest of his life."

In 1967, Buddy Algood was a second lieutenant with Company E, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, of the 199th Infantry Brigade near Binh Chan.

Following the loss of his lower right calf and foot and recuperation from his injuries, he was the first amputee to graduate from the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. A month later he returned to Vietnam.

Now, 38 years later, as a civilian, Algood came to Iraq with the Project and Contracting Office. He explained that, in Iraq, part of his early work was "identifying reconstruction projects in 10 strategic cities that would put Iraqis to work and make an immediate improvement in their quality of life."

In the first seven weeks, 358 projects were identified, developed and prioritized with contracts solicited and awarded. Wherever possible, efforts were made to hire Iraqi contractors and workers. At one point, 21,000 Iraqis were employed on these projects.

Algood wondered aloud if "we're not finally doing what was an off-used phrase in Southeast Asia ... 'winning the hearts and minds' of those we were/are to help."

Some similarities exist between Iraq and Vietnam, however. In both countries, things are often not as they appear.

I was a first lieutenant with the 1st Signal Corps in Vietnam 1967-68. Like in 'Nam, the longer I'm here, the more I real-

ize how little I understand. The complexity of relationships, tribal loyalties, long-time hatreds and vendettas that simmer slightly under the surface cannot be ignored.

Big differences exist between the countries, too.

Iraq has a 7,500-year history. It is the land that invented paved roads, epic literature, law codes, banking, and even joint stock corporations. It is the culture that created cuneiform writing from which record keeping evolved.

Even under Saddam Hussein, it was a modern land of teachers and engineers and industry. Many excellent Iraqi engineers and subcontracting companies have successfully been part of the reconstruction efforts.

About 10 projects are being completed every day. So far, PCO has completed 1,727 projects.

"We're doing this one right," Vietnam veterans in Iraq emphasize.

Tom Clarkson serves with the Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### Awareness important

## Activities promote abuse prevention

By Carolyn Tolliver-Lee  
Family Life Educator

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

The Fort Riley Family Advocacy Program staff believes that strong families make strong soldiers.

The Department of Defense has adopted "Speak up and speak out against domestic violence! Know the facts" as its campaign slogan for 2005.

What is the impact of deployment on the overall child and spouse abuse rate?

The mobile military lifestyle affects families, but there is limited data in this area. What data there is does not show a cause-and-effect relationship.

While stressors may be predictors of violence, they don't cause individuals to be abusers. Spouse abuse is related to multiple social, economic and psychological factors.

Some research indicates that one of the best predictors of domestic violence is a history of previous aggression at a youthful age.

To learn more about domestic violence and about the various events that will be conducted on the installation during Domestic Violence Prevention Month, visit the Family Advocacy Program staff at the Soldier and Family Support Center on Custer Hill or call 239-9435 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Carolyn  
Tolliver-Lee

### Grunt By Wayne Udden



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Members of Detachment E (left) and Detachment D (right), 15th Personnel Services Battalion, stand at Parade Rest on Cavalry Parade Field Sept. 22 at the beginning of a 15-minute deployment ceremony. The battalion is part of the 1st Cavalry Division headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas. The detachments are deploying to Iraq.

## Two detachments deploy

### Some Soldiers going to Iraq for third time

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Two detachments of the 15th Personnel Services formed on Cavalry Parade Field Sept. 22 in front of a crowd of people wishing them well in their upcoming deployment to Iraq.

For some members of the two units – Detachment D commanded by Capt. Christopher L. May and Detachment E commanded by Capt. Brian N. Witcher – this would be their first tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom. For others it would be the second and even the third time in that country, said 1st Cavalry Division Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola, guest speaker at the ceremony.

The 15th Services Battalion is stationed at Fort Riley but is part of the 3rd Personnel Group and has the peacetime mission of providing direct support to about 17,000 Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood.

Ciotola preceded his official remarks by saying that, at one time, senior noncommissioned officers, field grade officers and flag grade officers were concerned when it came to the mettle of the nation's youth that filled the ranks of the armed forces, particularly the Army of today.

But, "I can tell you that ... in the past four years, when it comes to the mettle, the character, the depth of substance that defines our individual Soldiers, these individuals that stand before you today are a microcosm of America's military at large because they represent as fine a fighting force as this country has ever fielded in the 230-year history of the American Army," he said.

Ciotola prompted the audience to look closely at the uniforms worn by the Soldiers on the field. Some would appear faded, others would be deserving of replacement and others would appear as though they had come right off the shelf. That, he explained, is

indicative of the time the individual Soldiers had worn their uniforms.

"Ladies and gentlemen, there are Soldiers in that group who will deploy for the third time" into harm's way, he said.

"Those are your sons, your daughters, your brothers, your sisters, your husbands, your wives, and you have every reason in the world to be proud of them," Ciotola said. That brought a round of applause from those gathered for the ceremony.

"These two detachments of troopers ... have been raised at the home of the cavalry, Fort Riley, Kan. From the heartland of America comes another set of great cavalry troopers answering the call.

"As the cavalry opened the western frontier in the 19th century, these cavalymen of the 21st century move east to keep the great aspirations for freedom alive in the hearts and minds of those in Iraq," Ciotola said.

# Outgoing joint chiefs chairman looks back

## Myers: Services progressed in joint ops

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

Joint military operations and reserve component capabilities and employment have increased tremendously, said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sept. 24 at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Myers became the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs on Oct. 1, 2001. He retired Sept. 30 and is succeeded by Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, now Joint Chiefs vice chairman.

Myers was at Fort Leavenworth to present the Silver Star with "V" device to retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Gooden, who retired from military service while serving at Fort Riley.

"If you look at the major combat in Iraq, the effort that Gen. (Tommy) Franks put together along with the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy; the way he used the services; and the way the services depended upon one another was much different than the first Gulf War, Desert Storm," Myers pointed out.

"To a large extent, the forces were deconflicted (in Desert Storm), but here they were integrated; and everybody knows the outcome. It was a very quick victory over the conventional combat forces there in Iraq," he said.

Though joint operations among the services have come a long way, Myers said they still have a long way to go.

"From the airplane to foxholes, from command and control cen-

## Myers talks to friends

AFPS

MISSION, Kan. – Getting a standing ovation from the people who know you best is not a bad way to attend your 45th high school reunion.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers received this and the greetings of friends – some of whom he has known since kindergarten – Sept. 24 as he attended the reunion of the Shawnee Mission North High School Class of 1965.

The chairman used the

opportunity to report to his friends on the state of the military and progress in the war on terror.

"If we could choose any servicemember in Iraq and beam them here and ask them, 'What do you think?' the typical answer would be this: 'We understand the mission here, and we think it is really important. The Iraqi people deserve our support, and we can get it done. If we just get a little support from back home, we can get this done.' That's the message they'd send."

ters all around the battle space, that's the next part that needs to be worked," he said. "So there's a lot of work to do in our command and control communications and how we integrate that among all the services and bring our legacy systems that are old and don't talk to one another along as well."

The Reserve component has come a long way as well, Myers said. In fact, the Reserves are better today than they were four years ago, he emphasized.

"First of all, let me just say the Reserve component is awesome. They have performed so well. National Guard, Reserves, all services have done terrific," he said.

Myers said he has watched the Army's Reserve and Active components relationship improve in

the past several years.

"Frankly, probably the service that had the farthest to go on this was the U.S. Army. In the last four years, as I've been watching this, they have made great strides in making the Reserve component a part of the Army and resourcing them in a way that enables them to go into combat," he said.

The Guard and Reserves elements now have war experience, and it's important to keep those forces combat ready, Myers said.

"(They're) well-motivated, well-trained. We've got to now make sure they get the equipment they need so they can continue their training and be ready the next time their country calls upon them. So there's work to be done," Myers reiterated.

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## Post news in brief

### Support for pets sought

The Fort Riley animal control officer has asked residents to help in a drive to collect necessity items for pet control on post.

Items needed include carriers for dogs and cats, kennels for dogs and cats, houses for any size dog, harnesses, leashes, plastic swimming pools, turtle-shaped sand boxes and metal buckets or metal tubs with handles.

Donations may be left at the Fort Riley vet clinic's stray animal facility, Building 226 on Main Post.

For more information, call the animal control officer at 239-6767.

### Water system to be flushed

Public Works will continue efforts to keep Fort Riley's water clear by flushing the water distribution system starting Oct. 3. The schedule for flushing is:

**Oct. 3** – Main Post and Whiteside areas

**Oct. 4** – Custer Hill housing areas

**Oct. 5** – Custer Hill troop area

**Oct. 6** – Custer Hill motor pool areas

**Oct. 7** – Forsyth, Funston, Marshall Army Airfield areas

Flushing of the water mains will begin at 8 a.m. daily and continue until complete. Occupants of the affected area must refrain from using hot water during the flushing period. To facilitate flushing, post residents should not park directly across from fire hydrants.

When flushing of an area is complete, area occupants should clear the water lines in their quarters. This is accomplished by opening all cold water faucets and letting them run until the water runs clear. The hot water faucets should be opened next, to clear any remaining discoloration.

The time required for the water to clear depends on the amount of water used during the flushing. If the water does not clear up after 30 minutes, residents should call the Service Order Desk at 239-0900.



Coalition forces raided two terrorist safe houses in Mosul, Iraq, Sept. 19, killing two terrorists and detaining three others, military officials reported.

The terrorists were suspected of having connections to senior al Qaeda leaders in Mosul and northern Iraq.

Upon entering the first terrorist safe house, Coalition forces were engaged with small-arms fire by two of the men. Coalition forces immediately returned fire, killing the two terrorists.

Troops searched and secured the safe house, detaining one additional terrorist who was hiding in the house. Coalition forces then moved to the second safe house, where they detained two terrorists without incident.

Elsewhere, an Iraqi citizen led Coalition forces to four weapons cache sites southwest of Kirkuk Sept. 19.

The man stopped a patrol, reported buried munitions in the area and took the Coalition forces to the area. The cache sites contained 4,000 37mm air defense rounds. Explosives experts will detonate the munitions in place.

Iraqi army troops working with Coalition forces found and cleared a weapons cache Sept. 18 in northern Fallujah. Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force, rounded up the weapons and transported them for later disposal by an Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team.

The stash consisted of a rocket-propelled-grenade launcher, three RPG-7 rockets, two 120mm mortar rounds, an AK-47 rifle, three half-full AK-47 magazines and four unidentified rocket launchers.

Also on Sept. 18, Iraqi security forces identified and cleared a car bomb in the Rusafa district of Baghdad. Police officers on patrol investigated a parked vehicle and immediately secured the area after noting some suspicious-looking wiring.

An Iraqi EOD team was called in and successfully

defused the device.

The bomb consisted of artillery and mortar shells wired to a battery and a two-way radio. No injuries or damages were reported.

In the air war over Iraq, Coalition aircraft flew 46 close-air-support and armed-reconnaissance sorties Sept. 18 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. These missions included support to Coalition troops, infrastructure protection, reconstruction activities and operations to deter and disrupt terrorist activities, U.S. Central Command Air Forces officials said.

Eight U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and Royal Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew missions in support of operations in Iraq. U.S. Air Force and Royal Air Force fighter aircraft also performed in a nontraditional ISR role with their electro-optical and infrared sensors.

Early morning raids Sept. 17 resulted in the detention of five suspected terrorists and the confiscation or destruction of multiple weapons caches, military officials in Iraq reported.

In Samarra, three suspected terrorists were detained during a joint raid based on information gathered from Iraqi civilians.

One suspect tested positive for explosive residue at the scene. The men told security personnel they were preparing two vehicles at the scene for use as bombs.

Security forces destroyed the two vehicle bombs at the site. Iraqi army and Coalition soldiers also seized 66,000 Iraqi dinar, \$1,500, two cell phones, two combat knives and several blank identification cards.

In Baqubah Sept. 17, Task Force Liberty and Iraqi army soldiers on a joint raid detained two people and seized weapons, including a sniper rifle with a scope, a PKC machine gun and several assault rifles. The detainees were taken to a Coalition base for questioning.

# Iraq, U.S. Soldiers help

## Project aids school with needed supplies

By Tracy Smith  
AFPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 2005 – Iraqi army soldiers, accompanied by their U.S. counterparts from Forward Operating Base Michael, recently visited a school in downtown Mahdudiyah, Iraq, to deliver school supplies in one of the poorest communities in the area.

The visit is an important part of the Iraqi army's community outreach efforts to positively influence and establish a mutual trust with the citizens they protect, officials said.

"The fine soldiers of the 4th Brigade know they must take good care of the people of this region," said Iraqi Brig. Gen. Mahdi, commander of 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

The mission is simple, Mahdi added: "to provide a good, safe environment for (the citizens of this region) and for the children, our future leaders, to study and grow up and do the right things."

As the soldiers walked into the school, children and staff peered curiously around doors and windows.

"(The children) are growing up in a very difficult time," Mahdi explained, "but they will rebuild Iraq again. We are now creating a good environment for them by supplying them with the basics to succeed."

U.S. Army Capt. Bryan S. Mitchell, Military Integration Training Team officer with the 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), appeared noticeably impressed with the handling of the mission and the reception the community



AFPS/Smith

gave to the Iraqi soldiers. "It is a goodwill mission that helps inspire the local population to have faith in the intentions of the Iraqi army," Mitchell said.

Many Iraqi soldiers took the opportunity to speak candidly to the young students.

The children, excited by this visit, became rambunctious, but they listened attentively to a new Iraqi recruit who took time to talk with the students.

"Respect your lessons," Pvt. Mahmud said. "These opportunities are given to you as a gift from God so that you can become great leaders, scientists and teachers or future leaders of our country."

As pencils, crayons, books and learning games were distributed, Mahdi promised it would not be

the last time the soldiers paid a visit to the neighborhood.

"My hope is that we will (have) this experience at least monthly or twice a month," he said.

"I could not be more pleased that we, as soldiers, have this privilege. We must become friends with the people of Mahdudiyah and this region," Mahmud said.

Walking through the community, the Iraqi soldiers shook hands, listened to concerns and reassured people that they would do what was best to provide for the growing democracy and protect them from outside agitators.

Army Spc. Tracy J. Smith is assigned to the 48th Brigade Combat Team.

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# Veterans unveil monument to WWII battalion



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(From left) Fred Gordon, Ira Dale Cravens, George Ruhlen and Herbert Lamm unveil a plaque dedicated to former Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion and their commander, Maj. Gen. George Ruhlen, at a ceremony Sept. 24 at Cavalry Parade Field.

## Soldiers fought valiantly in Battle of Bulge

By Stephanie Perrin  
Staff writer

Some 30 World War II veterans, family members and widows of former veterans witnessed the unveiling of a plaque Sept. 24 at Cavalry Parade Field to honor the unit's former Soldiers.

The first line on the monument reads, "Dedicated to the Third Armored Field Artillery Battalion, whose members fought with valor and distinction in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns of World War II."

Members of the battalion earned The Presidential Unit Citation that was awarded to all members of Combat Command A, 9th Armored Division, for their extraordinary heroism during the Battle of the Bulge.

The command was praised for "the outstanding accurate fire of its artillery battalion."

Members of the 3rd Armored FA fired an average of one

105mm round every 40 seconds Dec. 16-22, 1944. The battalion deterred advancement of an entire German Division throughout the six days and contributed to the attack that ended the siege of Bastogne.

An image of Maj. Gen. George Ruhlen, commander of the 4th Armored Division is adorns the plaque. Ruhlen commanded the 3rd Armored FA Bn. throughout World War II.

The battalion traces its lineage from 1794, including service in the War of 1812. The battalion's shield bares a lion to symbolize its involvement in the War of 1812, said retired Admiral Wilbur Nelson, who served as battalion operations officer.

The ladder depicted on the shield symbolizes the battalion's involvement in the scaling of the walls of Chapultepec Castle in the Mexican War.

The battalion earned 37 battle honors, four of them in World War II.

George Taylor, a former battalion commander, spoke of Ruhlen's inspiration to his Soldiers and of his professionalism. Taylor said he couldn't recall a day when the battalion had nothing to do. Ruhlen would help ease the Soldiers' stresses by authorizing volleyball and lacrosse tournaments.

Ruhlen's son, George, spoke at the ceremony and described how his father would constantly compare situations or maneuvers to his time as division commander of the 3rd Armored FA. "In the 3rd, we would do it like this," the young Ruhlen said was a phrase he often heard his father use.

"I want to be sure that we all understand that is primarily due to the members of the 3rd Armored FA Bn.," said Fred Gordon, a former battalion member. "That's why we're here today, these Soldiers, who fought so brilliantly during World War II."

## Barrier work to change post access

By Ray Coffey

Physical Security Officer

Installation of additional pop-up road barriers will cause some traffic changes and perhaps some delays in October.

Rifle Range Road and Estes Gate will be closed Columbus Day weekend - Oct. 7-10 - during installation of the pop-up barrier.

A temporary access point will be opened Oct. 7 on Vinton School Road. It will be manned by AKAL security officers who normally work at the Rifle Range Road access point. Military guards will not be required during the construction period.

The Vinton School Road gate will be open from 5 to 9:30 a.m.

and from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 7. Signs will be posted at Rifle Range Road and the Estes gate to detour vehicles to Vinton School Road.

Traffic inbound on Huebner Road at Ogden will be routed through the old access point areas during the pop-up barrier installation Oct. 12-15.

Outbound traffic will be diverted south on Buffalo Soldier Road and out 12th Street. Signs, yellow barricades and cones will be used direct traffic on those routes.

Access to Fort Riley via Grant Avenue will be limited to one lane of traffic controlled by a flagman Oct. 18-22. Construction on the Grant Avenue gate has been scheduled for five days because one two-barrier system will be

installed on the inbound lanes and one one-barrier system will be installed on the outbound lane.

Jersey barriers will be relocated to allow for changes in outbound traffic at the Grant gate.

Traffic entering and exiting post at the 12th Street gate will be affected Oct. 28-31.

Inbound traffic will be diverted north on K Street to Buffalo Soldier Road. Outbound traffic will be diverted from Buffalo Soldier Road and out L Street past the access control point. Signs will be posted to direct drivers to the detour and to control traffic.

Large loads of bridge construction material will require closure of Ray Road to Henry Drive to outbound traffic Nov. 2-5. The Fort Riley Provost Marshal's

Office and Army Corps of Engineers plan to divert heavy traffic around Marshall Field.

Barrier construction on Trooper Drive over Veterans Day weekend - Nov. 11-14 - will cause traffic coming from Junction City to be diverted through the Grant Avenue access point.

While the Trooper Drive access is closed, the Grant Avenue access will be open 24 hours.

Day passes for vehicles without Department of Defense registration stickers will be issued at the Grant gate.

AKAL security officers will be moved to the Grant gate during the construction period. Military guards will be off for the construction.

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# Fort Riley Sports & Recreation

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America's Warfighting Center

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## Sports news in brief

### Correction:

The Post misidentified a seventh-grade Fort Riley Middle School football player in the story printed Sept. 23. The player making the interception against the Abilene Longhorns in the final four minutes of the game was Jeremy Pagan.

The Post regrets the error.

### Hunter permits, briefings slated

The Conservation Branch, Building 1020, will be open from 8 to 11 a.m. Oct. 1 to provide prospective hunters an opportunity to receive their deer briefing during non-duty hours.

The computer-based briefing and hunting permits also are available during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 239-6211.

### Center offers league bowling

Custer Hill Lanes, Building 7485, offers open bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays.

Extreme bowling under strobe lighting is offered 10 p.m. to close Friday. Family extreme and bowling is offered 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and family open and extreme bowling is offered 3 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Family extreme bowling costs \$15 per lane for six persons.

Couples are being sought for a "fun" league to begin this fall. Sign up at the center or call 239-4366 for more information.

### Roller rink open for family fun

Riley Wheels Skating Rink in King Field House operates from 8 to 10 p.m. Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Family skating is offered for \$1 per family member on Sundays.

For more information, call 239-3764.

### Eyster Pool open for swims

Recreational swimming is available from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Eyster Pool near the Main Post Exchange. Daily fees are \$1.50 for ID card holders and \$2 for guests. Military family members 5 and younger admitted free.

For more information, call 239-9441.

### Swim lessons scheduled

Registration for swimming lessons at Eyster Pool is under way at the pool from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the pool. Cost for lessons is \$20.

Classes will be taught Oct. 17-20 and Oct. 24-27. Times for the half-hour lessons will depend on the level assigned the student.

For more information, call 239-9441.

### Lifeguard training offered

Lifeguard training will be offered at Eyster Pool from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 27-30.

For more information, call 239-9441.

## 7th-, 8th-graders battle Chapman

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Trooper football teams split against Chapman in seventh- and eighth-grade games when the Leprechauns visited Fort Riley Middle School Sept. 22. The seventh-graders defeated the visitors 32-14 and the eighth-graders lost 22-0.

Seventh-grade Troopers Kevin Euring and Moses Dennis combined for all four touchdowns and three of the successful two-point conversion attempts after touchdowns. Zach Jones scored the other two-point conversion

attempt.

Eighth-grade Coach Mark Ellner said his Troopers continue to improve each game but still need to make some improvement if they are to win a game this season.

Ellner expressed some optimism about the team's future, saying that Thursday's game was the first one with all his starting players back, including his starting quarterback Zach Birchmeier. Birchmeier had been sidelined with a broken finger on his left hand but played Sept. 22 with two fingers taped together.

"We blocked and hit better,"

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Trooper Grover McIntosh gets tackled by two Chapman Leprechauns in the game at Fort Riley Middle School Sept. 22. The eighth-grade Troopers lost 22-0.

Post/Heronemus

## On the attack

### Signalmen defeat MPs in overtime

By Stephanie Perrin  
Staff writer

The 331st Signal Company recoiled from penalties and lost yards to defeat the 977th Military Police Company 20-14 in overtime Sept. 21 at Sturgis Stadium.

"Wow, we were down and kept getting penalties, but we shook it off and came back to complete some spectacular plays," said 331st Signal's Chris Thompson.

Signal received its first stroke of bad luck on the first play of the game. An offside penalty caused Signal to lose needed yards. A first down was out of their reach before they had to punt the ball to the MPs.

A successful long pass on the MPs' first offensive play gave them the needed yards for a first down. After a guarding penalty was called on Signal's defense, the MPs opted to repeat their second down. The repeat of the second down ended with Signal receiving its third penalty. The referee called a roughing penalty and the MPs received an automatic first down.

Signal's stroke of bad luck appeared to have ended briefly after they intercepted an MP pass and brought out their offensive line-up. Two incomplete passes and their second offside penalty held them from gaining a first down before the first quarter ended.

The start of the second quarter began in favor of the MPs when they received additional yardage on the first play. An illegal equipment penalty was called against a Signal player.

An attempted interception brought Signal its second consecutive penalty - interference. The MPs declined the penalty and lined up for first down at the 10-yard line.

An offside call against Signal's penalty-prone defense placed the MPs on the 5-yard line. Joshua Vaughan ran the ball into the end zone on the second down



Steve Johnson, quarterback for the 977th MP Co., attempts a pass as Lee Pace, left, and Mantello Beverly of 331st Signal Co. reach to steal his flag Sept. 21 at Sturgis Stadium.

Post/Perrin

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## Take caution when feeding wild birds

By Gibran Suleiman  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist



Gibran Suleiman

Recent census reports show that 65 million Americans spend more than \$5.2 billion feeding birds. Maintaining bird feeders for wild birds has long been a favorite pastime of Americans young and old.

Although feeding birds is a simple concept, there are many important details one should be aware of in order to enjoy the ultimate feeding experience.

### On the Wildside: News About Nature

While feeding can help birds make it through the winter, it also can cause a couple of problems. The most common problem is that feeders can become disease reservoirs. Salmonella is just one of the diseases that can be found at dirty feeders. The best way to prevent the spread of disease is to keep all feed stations clean and dry.

Another problem is that birds visiting feeders placed near large picture windows will occasionally fly into the

window, which oftentimes is deadly. Hanging items, such as a plant, behind the window can help solve the problem.

Feeders attract cats and raptors as well as songbirds. Ways to minimize the cat problem are to put a bell on the cat's collar and to place the feeder in an open area.

A dog in the yard generally won't scare away the birds but serve as an effective feline deterrent.

Bird-eating raptors, such as the sharp-shinned hawk, will occasionally pay feeders a visit. This is generally a rare occurrence and is simply part of nature. It always adds a little excitement to the bird feeding action.

Bird lovers can find many different types of feeders and foods for their pastime. The preferred standard feeder for this area is a covered hopper style feeder. It will attract chickadees, cardinals, titmice, juncos, sparrows and jays.

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# Army drag racers win Reading meet

By William Thurmond  
Army News Service

MOHNTON, Pa. — The Army drag racing team laid down the law in Pennsylvania over the Constitution Day weekend, winning top honors in both fields.

Tony "the Sarge" Schumacher, driving the Army's top fuel dragster, and Angelle Sampey, Army Pro Stock motorcyclist, survived stiff competition all weekend and took home the hardware at Maple Grove Raceway following the Toyo Tires Nationals Sept. 18.

Schumacher once again domi-

nated, besting the field of 16 dragsters in four qualifying rounds to earn the top block going into eliminations. But racing was not the only thing on his mind.

Before flying to the track, the Schumachers celebrated the arrival of their third child on Sept. 15.

"People were asking me if I was feeling the pressure this weekend. Compared to childbirth, the race was no pressure. We did homebirth, so I was sitting at home waiting. Man, that was pressure," Schumacher said.

"This (racing) is fun. This is just racing. I'm leaving here and going home to my family and a

new baby. That's so much bigger than winning a race."

The Sept. 18 win was Schumacher's third consecutive at Maple Grove Raceway and his fifth in eight appearances for the 2005 season. He defeated Larry Dixon in the final round and leads Dixon by 100 points in the Powerade season points battle.

"It was great running against the car I'm up against in the championship. This was truly a pressure situation. The fans saw a fantastic race," Schumacher said.

Cooling off with reporters after his victory, the two-time and defending world champion down-

played the skills required to pilot a vehicle at speeds of more than 330 mph.

"Drag racing is simple. I get in the car, start it up and go when I see a green light. If the wall's in front of you, turn."

Despite his modesty, Schumacher sees nothing but big things for his Army team as the season progresses.

"It was hot on the track today and we still ran in the high 4.40s. So when we get to Dallas, Chicago and Pomona and it starts cooling off, man, watch out," Schumacher predicted. "Last year we ran and set the world record.

"We've got four serious races to go. Right now is no time to get cocky. We're gonna stay focused and try to win another Powerade championship for the U.S. Army."

Army two-wheeler Sampey also visited victory lane Sept. 18. It's a place she knows well, having won six times previously at Reading's Maple Grove Raceway.

Sampey's winning run against Ryan Schnitz was her best of the day, with a near-perfect reaction time and the elimination competition's top speed of 191.84 mph.

On the stage after accepting the winning trophy, Sampey credited her team for the victory.



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2002 this week, when the  
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12 champion Sooners Satur-  
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Norman.

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Many birds, however, prefer to eat off the ground and will just eat the seeds that have spilled from the feeder.

If one is looking to attract goldfinches, a tube feeder filled with thistle is the way to go.

Offering peanuts will attract cardinals, jays and titmice.

Of all the seeds available, nothing is more favored than the black oil sunflower seed. In a lot of cases, birds will kick out most of the other grains and just eat the sunflower seeds.

One consideration when feeding sunflower seeds is that the hulls can create quite a mess. The

hulls should be cleaned up occasionally before they start to decay.

For big spenders, sunflower seeds can be purchased with the hulls removed.

Having a suet basket near a seed station is a great way to attract woodpeckers. Suet blocks can be purchased in the garden section of most department stores.

One inexpensive homemade feeder you can put up in the yard is a peanut butter pinecone feeder. Simply put a spoonful of peanut butter on some wax paper and mix in some different kinds of seed. Then take a butter knife or something similar and start filling in

spaces on a big pinecone. The finished product can be tied on a tree branch.

As winter weather worsens, more birds will need to rely on feeders. After periods of heavy snow or ice storms, birds may not be able to find natural foods and will be completely reliant on bird

feeders. This is why it is very important to keep a birdfeeder full at all times.

Since birds have a much higher metabolism than mammals, they have to drink water rather frequently. The addition of a birdbath near a feed station makes the area even more attractive to birds.

Heating elements can be purchased to keep the water from freezing.

Like the feeders, it is important to keep birdbaths clean.

If you have any further questions concerning the outdoors, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211.

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## Troopers

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Ellner said about the game Sept. 22. "We did everything better, but we still need to improve" for the final three games of the season. The eighth-grade Troopers haven't won any of the four games they've played.

The Trooper defense contained the Leprechauns whenever they tried to gain ground up the middle of the field, but Chapman's end sweeps proved to be the home team's demise.

Matthew Krinhop ran around the right end early in the second quarter for his first touchdown. He went around right end again toward the end of the third quarter for another touchdown that put the visitors ahead 22-0.

Krinhop got into the end zone again early in the final quarter, but a Chapman penalty called the play back and a subsequent quarterback sack by the marauding Trooper defense gave the ball to Fort Riley.

The Troopers stuck to the ground most of the game after Tyler Woodworth intercepted a pass midway through the first quarter and ran it in for the Leprechaun's first touchdown of the day.

The Troopers went back to an aerial attack in the final quarter and had the Chapman squad scrambling in an effort to slow the host team's progress.



Post/Heronemus

**Trooper Jonathan Spurlock (right) wraps his arms around a Chapman runner and stops the Leprechauns' advance with a jarring tackle Sept. 22.**

The first four pass plays of the quarter were incomplete with a couple of near catches. The Troopers' defense dug in and held the Leprechauns' ground game until Chapman had to turn the ball over to their hosts on the Fort Riley 16-yard line.

The Troopers went to the air again and a pass interference call put the ball on their 31-yard line. Chapman's Kurtis Keating intercepted Birchmeier's sixth pass of the quarter and the visiting quarterback took a knee on the next two plays to end the game.

## Teams compete in volleyball

### Manhattan, Emporia squads defeat Troopers

By Stephanie Perrin

Staff writer

Recent team improvements failed to advance Fort Riley Middle School's A volleyball team to their first win Sept. 20 at a triangular match at Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Manhattan. They lost two straight, 25-20 and 25-22 to Eisenhower and 25-9 and 25-19 to Emporia Middle School.

"We showed a lot of improvement, despite losing," Head Coach Kelli Bartlett told the players, following the Eisenhower games.

Taylor Berry led the A team's offense, serving for three points in the team's first loss to Emporia.

The players demonstrated strong defensive returns during their second match-up against Emporia and scored 10 more points than they did in the first game.

Michaela Dycus, Brittany Pelkey and Berry led the Lady Troopers' scoring in the team's second loss to Emporia, serving for three points each.

Improved rotations, blocking and serving were some of the areas the team focused on in practices leading up to triangular, Bartlett said.

The B team dominated their Emporia competitors, winning two of the teams' three matches. The Lady Troopers defeated the Emporia Lady Vikings 25-12 before losing 25-18 in the second match. They claimed their victory over Emporia when they won their final match 15-8.

The B team suffered the same fate as the A team when they competed against Eisenhower. The Lady Troopers lost the first match 25-18 and lost their second match 27-25 in overtime.



Post/Perrin

**Jazmene Hartage prepares to serve during the Lady Troopers 25-9 loss to Emporia Sept. 20 at Manhattan's Eisenhower Middle School.**

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## Sports news in brief

### Water aerobics classes set

Water aerobics will begin at Eyster Pool beginning Jan. 10. Classes are open to all active duty members, their family members, DoD employees and military retirees.

Class sessions will be 5 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost will be \$2.50 per session or \$20 for 10 sessions. For more information, call 239-9441.

### Fitness center's post age policy

Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room.

Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.

Children age 12 and younger are not permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

### Rec offers shooting aid

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting.

Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-2363.

### Guard eligible for free licenses

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offers Kansas residents who also are members of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard free hunting and fishing licenses and free state park permits.

Application forms for the 2005 licenses will be available in November and can be downloaded from the KDWP Web site at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us).

The forms must be signed by the member's unit commander and mailed to KDWP.



Robert Shepherd, quarterback for 331st Signal Co., runs with the ball as Daniel Ashford (7) and Michael Vinson of 977th MP Co. chase after him Sept. 21 at Sturgis Stadium.

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for the MPs' first touchdown.

The Signal defense kept the MPs' chance at a third touchdown.

Signal's offense took the field on a mission - get on the scoreboard. They completed that mission after four plays gave them a first down and two long passes put them in the end zone for their first touchdown. The points-after-touchdown attempt failed and the score was knotted at 6.

Signal's defense entered the field with high hopes buoyed by a quarterback sack on the second down that forced the MPs to lose yards. The MPs recovered quickly, however, and Jason Peruyera scored a touchdown on their third down.

A pass interference penalty gave the MPs a second opportunity to score two extra points. They ran the ball on their second attempt and boosted their lead to 14-6.

Signal's first chance to knot the game again was short-lived when the MPs intercepted a pass on the first play from scrimmage.

Three consecutive passes gave the MPs a first down. A blocking penalty against Signal automatically gave the MPs another first down. By the third down, the MPs were one yard away from another touchdown but their ball carrier was called for guarding his flag and the penalty cost the MPs 10 yards.

An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Signal gave the MPs back their 10 lost yards but an incomplete pass into the end

zone finished the quarter and the MPs' chance at a third touchdown.

It appeared fate would continue to trouble the Signal players. A tripping penalty on their first-down play cost them half of the yardage from the end zone and they were forced to start again, this time from the MPs' 40-yard line.

A 35-yard run took Signal to their opponents' 25-yard line and gave them a needed first down. They gained 15 more yards on their next play and then scored with a 10-yard pass. The PAT attempt was successful to retie the game at 14-14.

The MPs began their next offensive run but went nowhere as game time ran out and both teams faced an overtime situation.

The MPs' offense opened play in the overtime action. An MP win appeared inevitable when they ran for 45 yards to the opponent's 5-yard line on their first overtime play. The Signal defense rallied and sacked the quarterback to push them back for valued yardage and keep them from making a first down.

The penalty-plagued Signal team's offense ended the game on their first offensive play of the overtime period, defeating the MPs 20-14.

"We talked about coming together with the new guys as a team," said Robert Shepherd, defensive coordinator for Signal, "and we did. We really came together in the fourth quarter."

## 24th ID tackles Artillerymen

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

With twice as many players as their opponents, an energetic Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), ran down Battery A, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 44-6 Sept. 22 at Sturgis Stadium.

Just six Artillerymen arrived to start the game. HHC's seven-man offense hustled out for the game's start while the seven-man defense waited on the sidelines. Led by quarterback Robert Ryder, HHC's heavy passing offense never took more than three plays to score.

By the game's third play, Ryder had launched a pass to Timothy Hansen, who scored the game's first points. A quick pass to Alberto Camacho for the extra point and HHC was up 7-0.

The Artillerymen, under the direction of quarterback Freddie Goggins, crept their way down to HHC's 17-yard line. But HHC's defense was hot-handed, and Brandon Morgan picked off Artillery's touchdown pass attempt.

On the run, Ryder threw to Camacho, who ran nearly 40 yards for the next HHC touchdown. Ryder then faked a pass on the extra point attempt and ran in the ball, giving HHC a 14-0 lead at the end of the quarter.

A two-pass offensive strategy crippled the Artillerymen early in the second quarter, when HHC's Devin Winnegan intercepted the second pass in the play. Camacho then took a Ryder pass some 60 yards for the touchdown. An illegal blocking penalty took back the extra point and HHC failed to get back into the end zone, giving them a 20-0 lead.

Artillery reinforcements arrived during their next drive, but right after the seventh player stepped on the field, HHC's Raymond Doffney picked off an Artillery pass.

Doffney danced around Artillery defenders and maneuvered his way to the end zone. Artillery's Goggins intercepted HHC's extra point pass to keep the score at 26-0 in the Infantry's favor.

Taking advantage of the last six plays of the half, the Artillerymen moved the ball to HHC's 21-yard line. Goggins tossed one just out of teammate Trung Le's reach in the end zone to end the first half scoreless.

By the middle of the third quarter, HHC had scored again on a



Charles Williams (67) of HHC, 24th ID (Mech), goes for Btry. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA's quarterback Freddie Goggins' flag during play Sept. 22 at Sturgis Stadium.

touchdown run by Winnegan. Michael Charles hugged the line as he caught the extra point pass to make it a 32-0 game.

Le stepped in as quarterback and passed one to Goggins, who jolted his way down to HHC's two-yard line before he was stopped. Sean Whelan then caught a Le pass for the score. The extra point attempt failed, but Artillery was on the board, 32-6.

Two offensive penalties put HHC back at their own five for the quarter's final play. Camacho juggled but managed to pull down a long pass from Ryder. A quick pitch to Richard Miles and HCC tackled on another six points to end the quarter 38-6.

HHC's defense came out charging in the fourth quarter. A two-man blitz team put pressure on Le and struck down two of his passes. Clyde Ryan intercepted the Artillery pass at HHC's 37-yard line and tossed the ball to teammate Justin Bailey, who ran for another touchdown.

An illegal HHC screen nullified the touchdown and brought the ball back to the Infantry's 30. Le took a little Artillery defensive

revenge and sacked Ryder on one play, but Ryder ran down and pitched the ball to Charles for the final touchdown and play of the game.

### Other games

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- Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., def. 116th MP Co., 32-18
- Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.) def. 1st Maint. Co., 26-13
- 977th MP Co. def. HHB/Btry. A, 101st FSB, 18-14
- Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, def. Btry. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 19-18
- Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.) def. 116th MP Co., 24-8
- HHB, 1st Bn., 5th FA, def. 1st Maint. Co., 37-0
- Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.) def. HHB/Btry. A, 101st FSB, 20-19
- Both HHB, 1st Bn., 5th FA, and Btry. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA, won by forfeit against 523rd MP Co.

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## Community news briefly

### Trick or treat hours slated

Approved Halloween trick or treat hours in post housing areas will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

For more information, call Steven Tully, deputy director of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, at 239-2433.

### Spouses plan Oktoberfest

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host an Oktoberfest celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 21 in Riley's Conference Center. This will be a couples event.

The menu will include bratwurst, sauerkraut and German chocolate cake.

Cost will be \$8.50 per person and pub glasses will be available for sale for \$11.50 each. Anyone with a pub glass will get free refills all night long.

The charity of the month will be Hurricane Katrina relief through the American Red Cross.

Those wishing to attend should contact the OCSC reservations chair by Oct. 13 at 784-8454 or via e-mail at reservations@fortrileyocsc.com

For childcare reservations, call 784-2793 by Oct. 16.

### Some facilities close Oct. 1

The Arts & Crafts Center, Auto Crafts Center and Outdoor Recreation Center will close Oct. 1 in order to support the post's Apple Day and Open House.

For more information, call Beth Ernst, director of marketing for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, at 239-3733.

### Arts council seeks help

The Junction City Arts Council is preparing to participate in the Geary County Unified School District 475 after-school program and is looking for someone who can instruct fifth-grade students in origami. The classes will be from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16 or Nov. 29 and 30, whichever dates fit better in the instructor's schedule.

Anyone who can instruct these classes is asked to call the JCAC at 762-2581.

### Rally Point offers fun

**Wednesdays** - Crazy Karaoke and 20-cent wing night 5 to 9 p.m.

**Thursdays** - Request night  
**Fridays** - Family night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close

**Saturdays** - Hip Hop from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday with DJ Monroe

**Sundays** - NFL football, six games on TV, doors open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Oct. 9** - WWE "No Mercy," 7 p.m., \$5 cover charge  
For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Hospital offers perinatal support

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Fifteen Irwin Army Community Hospital staffers met Sept. 19 and 20 to learn how to help Fort Riley families deal with the loss of a stillborn infant or newborn child's death.

About 100 military families using IACH experienced a pregnancy-related loss in the past year,

reported Elizabeth L. Gray, the licensed master social worker serving as care coordinator and discharge planner at the hospital.

Those deaths included miscarriages, stillborn deliveries, ectopic pregnancies (the embryo attaches itself outside the womb, usually in the fallopian tubes) and newborn deaths, those generally defined as death occurring within the first 28 days of life.

Nationally, health care statistics show that a miscarriage occurs once in every five pregnancies, stillbirth occurs once in every 100 deliveries and a newborn death occurs once in every 110 births.

Eventually, the IACH staff's goal is to train all professional caregivers to know how to help families, reported Jan Clark, hospital public affairs spokeswoman.

Gray, 1st Lt. Jessica Jensen and

Chap. (Capt.) Timothy Stiers conducted the two days of training.

The infant loss training at IACH follows a program developed at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wis., more than 20 years ago. It addresses the individual needs of family members suffering the loss of an unborn or newborn infant, including dealing with feelings of helplessness, shock, numbness and, often, low

self-esteem, according to program documents.

The two-day program provided IACH caregivers with some insights, knowledge and hands-on classroom experience with the skills they need to interact successfully with families experiencing perinatal loss, Gray said.

During the training, IACH caregivers studied the grieving process

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## Homemade



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Volunteers work to peel and slice apples Sept. 27 at Building 7856 for HASFR's annual pie sales fundraiser.

## Society makes apple pies

By Stephanie Perrin  
Staff writer

Music, laughter and bell ringing cheered on volunteers as they helped to create apple pies for the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley Sept. 26-30. The volunteers gathered at Building 7856 to help with the peeling, slicing and seasoning the apples for the organization's annual fundraising pie sale at Apple Day on post.

The week kicked off Sept. 26 with the first step in the process: creating the crumble mixture used for the pies' topping, said Rhonda Lysinger, the 2005 apple queen.

This is the third year the event has included an apple queen position. The apple queen is nominated by HASFR members to help organize and direct the baking and selling of the pies, Lysinger said.

"I think it's such a fun event. (HASFR)

has been making fundraiser pies for not quite 20 years," Lysinger said. "It started out as just a HASFR fundraiser and has kind of turned into a community event."

Volunteers included Fort Riley Soldiers, Family Readiness Group members and employees of local businesses.

Brianne Leese, a freshman at Kansas State University and a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, volunteered to peel and slice apples. Leese said several members of her sorority volunteered to help make the apple pies because it was a fun way to complete their community service requirement.

Organizers tried to schedule 20 to 30 volunteers for each shift, Lysinger said. Volunteers could choose between three shifts each day: 9 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 6 to 9 p.m., but weren't required to remain for the entire shift if their schedule wouldn't allow it, she said.

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Volunteer Kelly Bower adds toppings to the apple pies Sept. 27.

## Marriage and Military Life

## To protest war, or not to protest war?

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka  
Retired Navy chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas,

My husband was killed in Iraq when I was pregnant with our son. Even though I was proud of his courage and commitment, I still marched in Washington to protest the war. Do you think I lessened his sacrifice by doing so?

—Maria

Dear Maria,

Many people involved in this recent protest, like yourself, lost loved ones in the war.

### About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain.

Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net



It seems to me that the protest was not calling into question the honor or dedication of those who died, but rather the justification for

our past and continued involvement in this region.

Your husband died to protect the rights and freedoms we as Ameri-

cans enjoy, including our "freedom of speech." You would be dishonoring his memory if you did not exercise that right that he gave his life to protect and defend.

When a man who was quoted as opposing the march said, "A major portion of our country supports our troops and the war," he misjudged many of the marchers who, like yourself, support those deployed in the past and present to Iraq and Afghanistan. A patriot can strongly support those who serve in our country's armed services while, at

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## Soldier's family takes refuge

### 20 relatives flee Houston, stay in Abilene

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

When 20 members in the extended family of Staff Sgt. Taylor LeBlanc and his wife decided to evacuate from Houston instead of facing Hurricane Rita, the LeBlancs didn't think twice about putting them up.

LeBlanc, a Soldier in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, his wife and five children opened their three-bedroom home to the crowd Sept. 23-25.

"They've always done things for us; that was the least we could do for them," LeBlanc said Sept. 27.

Between filling tanks with gas and paying for meals on their two-day journey to Kansas, LeBlanc said his relatives couldn't really afford to stay in hotels. So they crowded into his 1,300-square foot home in Abilene.

Ranging in age from one month to 78 years, family members packed into the home. The family members were quite helpful and took turns cleaning up and doing all the cooking, LeBlanc said.

They stayed for two nights. Some relatives slept on air mattresses. A few slept on regular mattresses borrowed from a neighbor. Some of the children camped out in a tent in the back yard.

"We suffered, but it worked out pretty well," he said. "It wasn't very easy to move around, except for in the kitchen, because no one slept there. Everywhere else was crowded."

LeBlanc's commander and the company decided to help out. They invited his relatives to attend the company's picnic Sept. 24.

"That really helped with the food bill," LeBlanc said.

Had family members needed to stay longer, more help was ready, he said.

Several families in the company's medical platoon were willing to help house family members. The Red Cross and LeBlanc's church congregation also were ready to offer assistance, LeBlanc said.

"Everybody was willing to help as soon as they found out," he said.

LeBlanc's relatives left Sept. 25 and arrived home safely the following day.

They stayed the night in Paris, Texas, before making it home to the Houston area the next day. Other than power outages and minor roof problems, LeBlanc said they reported no major damages.







## Community news briefly

### Parent programs schedule events

The Exceptional Family Member Program and New Parent Support Program staff has scheduled a "Trip to the Pumpkin Patch" Oct. 22. The event will take place in the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

A holiday celebration is planned at Riley's Conference Center from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Families interested in attending either event should contact the program coordinators at 239-9435.

### Training to help kids home alone

Training to help children stay safe when home alone is scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the training room at the School Age Services Center, Building 6620. The class is free for children enrolled with Child and Youth Services. Other children must pay \$10 to register. Parents are encouraged to attend the last 30 minutes of the class.

To register for the class, call 239-5077, 239-4847 or 239-9478. Teens may register at the teen center.

### Parents' council to meet Oct. 6

The Parent Advisory Council at Fort Riley meets the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the training room at Building 6620. The next meeting is Oct. 6.

Meeting agendas include program updates and parent information. For more information about the council, call 239-9850.

### Teen Center slates activities

**Oct. 7** - Middle school dance, 8 to 10:30 p.m., \$1.50 per member, \$2.50 per non-member.

**Oct. 8** - Field trip, newcomers welcome tour of Junction City and Manhattan, 2 to 6 p.m., must sign up by Oct. 5.

**Oct. 8** - High school dance, 9 to 11:30 p.m., \$1 fee.

**Oct. 14** - Midnight football, 9 p.m. to midnight.

**Oct. 15** - Field trip, movies in Manhattan, 6 to 11 p.m., buy your own ticket, must sign up by Oct. 13.

For more information, call 239-9227.

### Cats featured at storytimes

"Cool Cats Read" will be the theme for October story times at the Post Library. Stories about cool cats like "Skippyjon Jones," old cats like "The Grannyman" and playful cats like "Top Cat" will tickle kids' funnybones and warm their hearts.

Starting the month on Oct. 1, will be "Dog and Cat," by Ricardo Alcantra. When twins receive a puppy and a kitten for their ninth birthday, the new pets scare each other and swear to be enemies. But when they face bedtime for the first time away from their mothers, the puppy and kitten decide that snuggling together will make the dark night friendlier.

"Sneakers, the Seaside Cat," by Margaret Wise Brown, is beautifully illustrated by Anne Mortimer. Her realistic paintings of Sneakers' first trip to

visit the shore and the creatures he discovers there will appeal to children of all ages Oct. 8.

Story times are held at 1:30 and 4 p.m. every Saturday. All children accompanied by an adult are welcome to listen.

The library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Monday.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

### Family training courses offered

Family Readiness Group training classes are offered monthly at the Soldier and Family Support Center. A Point of Contact class is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and a Leader Basic Class is offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

To register for the classes or for more information, call 239-9435.

### Center offers orientations

The Soldier and Family Support Center on Custer Hill will conduct newcomer orientations from 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 14 and 28.

Permanent change of station briefings will be conducted from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 5 for Korea, Oct. 12 for Germany, Oct. 19 for other overseas assignments, and Oct. 26 for stateside assignments.

For more information, call the center at 239-9435.

### Auto center open five days

The Automotive Skills Center, Building 7753 on Custer Hill, is open 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Basic automotive repair classes are taught from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. Advanced automotive repair classes are taught from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

The center offers state of the art tools and equipment for patron use, some services performed for a fee, staff assistance in making repairs, 15 vehicle lift bays, an eight-bay car wash, state-of-the-art paint booth and a body shop person for advice and instruction.

For more information, call 239-9764.

### Center offers open hours

Open hours for using the Arts and Crafts Center's wood shop, ceramics studio, matting and framing studio, computer lab, photography lab and doing stained glass, sewing, quilting, basket weaving and leatherwork are:

Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Classes are available in the evenings and on weekends in all program areas. A schedule of upcoming classes is available at the center and in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide.

For more information, call 239-9205.

# Having a baby?

## Know what TRICARE benefits are available

### TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Although on a scale smaller than the legendary "Baby Boom" following World War II, "mini-booms" are occurring at military installations across the nation as troops return from overseas assignments.

Because many of the nation's patriots are coming from National Guard and Reserve ranks, not all parents-to-be are familiar with their maternity benefits under the military's health care program, TRICARE, and there are important things for all active duty new and repeating parents to know.

### Maternity-related ultrasounds

TRICARE covers ultrasounds (sometimes called "sonograms") related to pregnancy when the procedure is medically necessary. In other words, the physician must consider the ultrasound necessary to deal with conditions that could seriously complicate the pregnancy or present a danger to the child or the mother.

TRICARE does not cover obstetric (OB) ultrasounds performed for purposes of screening, routine evaluation or to determine the baby's gender. Expectant parents should consult with their providers to make sure an ultrasound is medically necessary.

### Go home or stay put?

While expectant fathers are

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the same time, oppose our country's involvement in a particular conflict.

A recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll found that only 34 percent of Americans think the war is winnable, 32 percent support Bush's handling of the war and 63 percent support a full or partial withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

A high-ranking, retired military leader has a son who just returned from his second deployment to the war zone. Was it unpatriotic of him at the time of the invasion to question the rationalization provided by the commander-in-chief that the war was necessary to rid Saddam of weapons of mass destruction?

Or, was he truly patriotic by asking if our actions met the following criteria for a "just war" that

## Loss

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and explored the emotional, physical, social and spiritual issues affecting a person's grief, she said. The purpose of the program, according to training documents, is to:

· Help families cope with their grief in a positive way and to adapt to their new life without their baby.

· Make health care professionals and others more aware of the needs of families who are grieving the loss of a baby.

· Meet the needs of bereaved parents and their family members during the initial crisis of the loss of their baby.

· Offer and provide comprehen-

sive care to each family who has experienced a loss of a baby.

· Incorporate grief and loss into the health care professional's practice so that it becomes a standard of care.

IACH already offers a perinatal support group program. The Perinatal Loss Support Group meets 6 to 8 p.m. the third Thursday of every month in the Education Professional Development Division classroom of the fourth floor of the hospital.

For more information on the perinatal bereavement course or the support group, call Gray at 239-7681.

### Referrals

Because of the robust partnership that exists among TriWest and the civilian provider networks; the overseas deployments of many physicians; and other military considerations, many military treatment facilities in TRICARE Prime service areas no longer offer OB care.

Prime beneficiaries requiring OB care in areas where it is not available at military facilities will be referred by the MTF to TRICARE civilian network providers.

If the beneficiary has other health insurance, the other health insurance carrier will be the pri-

mary payer and no referral will be required from TriWest.

### Other issues

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who are active duty family members have no deductibles or cost-shares. Beneficiaries using TRICARE Standard or Extra will only be responsible for a \$13.90-per-day cost-share for inpatient care. Deductibles are waived for families of Reserve Component members activated as part of the War on Terror.

Although the TRICARE-eligible pregnant daughter of an active duty or retired servicemember is covered under TRICARE, the baby will not be covered following birth, unless the sponsor/grandparent adopts the baby or becomes his or her legal guardian.

Out-of-area care is covered for urgent and emergent care. A routine OB exam is routine care and would pay at the higher Point of Service option.

For example: Routine OB exams should take place before or after the travel/vacation.

A normal delivery outside of the mother's Prime service area could incur Point of Service charges. It is recommended that the expectant mother who plans to travel late in her pregnancy confer with her doctor to ensure her safety.

### After delivery

Newborns and adopted children

### For more info

For more information about TRICARE maternity benefits, visit TriWest's Web site at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) or call TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378).

are covered under TRICARE Prime for their first 60 days following birth or adoption, but after that they must be enrolled in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and enrolled in TRICARE Prime to avoid a gap in coverage.

Coverage will be paid as TRICARE Standard on the 61st day if enrollment has not been completed by then.

To enroll a newborn or newly adopted child in DEERS, the sponsor (or other parent or guardian prepared to show power of attorney) must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate or certificate of live birth, which are available from the hospital's medical records department, or adoption papers to the nearest military facility personnel office.

Following DEERS registration, a parent or guardian must complete, sign and submit the TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application & PCM Change Form, which is available online at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) or by calling 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378).



CDC Photo

### Artist at work

Three-year-old Alexis Hubbard puts the finishing touches on an art project in Module 10 at the Child Development Center recently.

The CDC has openings in their full-time preschool modules for children ages 3-5. The facility is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is located on Warren Road near the Post Exchange. For more information, call 239-9935.

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## Community news briefly

### Family program conference set

The Army Family Action Plan annual adult and youth conferences will be conducted in October to air concerns about life at Fort Riley and to suggest changes that should be made.

The Youth Action Conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Teen Center, Building 5800. The Family Action Conference will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12-13 at Riley's Conference Center.

For more information, call 239-9435.

### Car seat safety checks offered

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment. Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats. Those 4 and older must wear seat belts. Child safety advocates say children 4 to 7 years old should sit in booster seats that allow seat belts to fit them properly.

### Class teaches baby-sitting

A Red Cross baby-sitting Course is scheduled for the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 5800. Children must be at least 11 years old to attend. Cost is \$10.

For more information, call 239-5077 or 239-4847.

### The Shoppe sells gift items

The Shoppe sells unique gift items in its location in the U.S. Cavalry Museum, Building 205. The Shoppe receives new gift items weekly for its stock of handcrafted items, unique farewell gifts, pottery, deployment candles, military items, and much more.

The Shoppe's hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-2743.

### Special Olympics invites athletes

The local Special Olympics group invites families who have special needs individuals to join

them in their upcoming events.

Special Olympics is a world-wide program providing year-round training, education and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people age 8 and older with mental and physical retardation.

For more information, call Geary County representatives Otis Scroggins at 238-1342 or Bob Alan at (785) 762-2149.

### Waiting spouses schedule event

The Waiting Spouses' Group has teamed with the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Group to provide a spouse activity day every fourth Monday (Oct. 24) of the month.

Activities are scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

The Waiting Spouses' Group is designed to support spouses whose Soldiers are serving an unaccompanied tour. Separations for these spouses may be stressful because they and their families are left behind without the support network and regular contact that a unit of Family Readiness Group would otherwise provide.

For more information about joining the group or participating in its activities, call Lisa Mathews at 239-9435 or send her e-mail at [lisa.m.mathews@riley.army.mil](mailto:lisa.m.mathews@riley.army.mil).

### Thrift Shop open to all

No military ID is needed to shop at the Post Thrift Shop in Building 267 on Stuart Avenue, next to the stables. Store hours for shopping are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Consignments are accepted 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month. The store allows 15 items per consignment, but only seven items of clothing. All consignments must be clean and in good condition.

The store is not accepting consignments of summer clothing.

Consignment checks are available for pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays when showing an ID.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Reimbursement is available for volunteers needing childcare, and volunteers receive 25 percent off all Thrift Shop merchandise bought the day they volunteer.

For more information, call 784-3874.

*Post/Perrin*

The 2005 Apple Queen, Rhonda Lysinger, wraps completed pies with freezer wrap Sept. 27 before placing the fundraising pies in the freezer. HASFR will sell the frozen pies for \$7 at Fort Riley's Annual Open House and Apple Day Oct. 1.

*Post/Perrin*

(From left) Edith Nolan, Cathy Sengstacke and Dan Seeman look for left-behind seeds and peels as part of "quality control" Sept. 27 at HASFR's annual pie making event.

*Post/Perrin*

Above: A volunteer mixes the apples with a blend of butter, sugar and cinnamon.



Below: An apple is peeled and sliced before added to a pie.

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Evening shifts turned into the most light-hearted and entertaining times, she said. "It's a big social event. (Sept. 26) we had 36 ladies in here, and if you can imagine 36 ladies together. Sugar, cinnamon and apple peels were flying everywhere," Lysinger said.

This year, pie princesses were added to the annual pie-making event. Lysinger recruited shift managers and gave them the title

of pie princess.

Lysinger directed an informational meeting Sept. 25 to describe the pie making process and the princesses' duties. Each volunteer princess received an embroidered apron for her service.

HASFR members set a goal of 1,000 to make before Apple Day and the post open house Oct. 1. Lysinger said she had hoped for

volunteers to make 250 pies each day in order to meet that goal. A bell was rung for every 25 completed pies to help keep the volunteers excited and on track, she said.

The group bought the apples, piecrust and other supplies from the commissary Sept. 23. This year's pies were created with a mixture of Granny and Ginger Gold apples, Lysinger said.

HASFR plans to sell pie pieces

a la mode between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Custer House during Fort Riley's annual open house and Apple Day. Frozen, ready-to-bake pies will be available for purchase for \$7 each.

"HASFR turns around and gives (the profits) back to the community through scholarship funds, wounded Soldier funds and upkeep of the Custer House," Lysinger said.

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## Community news briefly

### Couples offered marriage classes

The Morris Hill Chapel congregation will host marriage enrichment seminars from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 3 and 17.

Continuing seminars will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at the chapel. For more information, call 239-4814.

The Family Life Chaplain also offers marriage enrichment seminars. Attendance at the first night's seminar is required before attending the second seminar.

The next seminars will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 11 and 20 at the Family Life Ministries Center. For more information and to register, call 239-3436.

### 'Rangers' plan paintball outing

Fort Riley's Spiritual Rangers, a youth organization sponsored by the post chaplaincy, will meet at St. Mary's Chapel at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 22 for a paintball outing. Other youth are invited.

Cost will be \$20 (\$10 for those who completed the Sept. 24 5-mile run). Cost includes paint marker, facemask and 200 rounds of paintballs.

Rangers must have a signed parental release and should bring drinks, a Bible and some extra money.

For more information about the event and about the Spiritual Rangers, call 239-0979 or 238-4436.

### Group offers Bible studies

Officers' Christian Fellowship groups meet on- and off-post on different days of the week for Bible study.

To find out more, officers may contact Ben or Laura Saine at 717-2760, Dave or Felitz Velloney at 717-2820, Jess or Sarah Curry at 532-9177 or Bob or Renee Teetsel at 784-4480.

### Women to meet, discuss book

Renee Teetsel will host a weekly session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays for women seeking spiritual answers to difficult situations. The group will meet at Teetsel's home at 26 Arnold Avenue on post to discuss the book "Answering the Big Questions About God."

Participants should make their own child care arrangements.

For more information, call Teetsel at 784-4480 or send e-mail to teetsel@charter.net.

### Post bike patrol slates 'rodeo'

The Fort Riley Military Police Bike Patrol will sponsor a bike rodeo from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Ware Elementary School.

Participants will have to ride through a cone obstacle course. The patrol members also will inspect bikes and make adjustments to fit bikes to riders and will check helmets.

Bike registration will also be available.

All participants must bring helmets and working bikes and wear closed-toe shoes.

For more information, call 239-2226.

## Competition preparation



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Capt. Cayla Slusher, commander of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, rides Strawman's Fantasy through a pistol course Sept. 14 in a field beside the Fort Riley softball complex. The members of the CGMCG were preparing to compete in the National Cavalry Competition Sept. 21-25 at Fort Robinson, Neb. The four events the riders prepared to compete in at the competition were a sabre course, pistol course, jumping and military equitation, Slusher said.



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Sgt. Shawn Day of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard rides Cyclone as the two maneuver through a sabre obstacle course Sept. 14. Day and Cyclone were preparing for the National Cavalry Competition Sept. 21-25 at Fort Richardson, Neb.

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## Post opens 'house' to visitors

### Event offers variety of fun

By Jay Baker

DA public affairs intern

Fort Riley's open house and Apple Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1 promises visitors food, music and a first-hand view of what Soldiers do and how the post supports them and their families.

Set separately from the aroma of homemade apple pie, barbecued bratwursts and buttered popcorn on Cavalry Parade Field are the weapons display and firing lanes at Sturgis Stadium, about a block's walk from the parade field.

Guests to this year's festival will be able to fire squad automatic weapons, machine guns and M-16 rifles throughout the day, said Capt. James Moss, commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

"We're allocated 22,000 rounds of M-16 blank ammunition and 15,000 for the 240B machine guns," he said.

Every Soldier is familiar with these weapons from the basic and advanced training they received, but "anyone who can hold a weapon will be able to feel what it is like to fire the weapons," Moss said.

Visitors will get instant feedback on how well they fire each weapon because the weapons will be fitted with a laser-targeting system and each target will have sensors that will force the target down when it is hit, he said.

Whether guests fire from the standing, prone or kneeling position, they can be sure they will be safe. "Anyone who fires the weapons will get safety instructions. They must wear eye protection and ear plugs. Our biggest concerns are burns from the ejected shells, but shooters will wear BDU tops to mitigate those risks," Moss said.

Soldiers will be at the temporary range to help anyone who needs it, and parents can get close to take pictures, he added.

On Cavalry Parade Field, guests can get up close to other weapons systems Soldiers use.

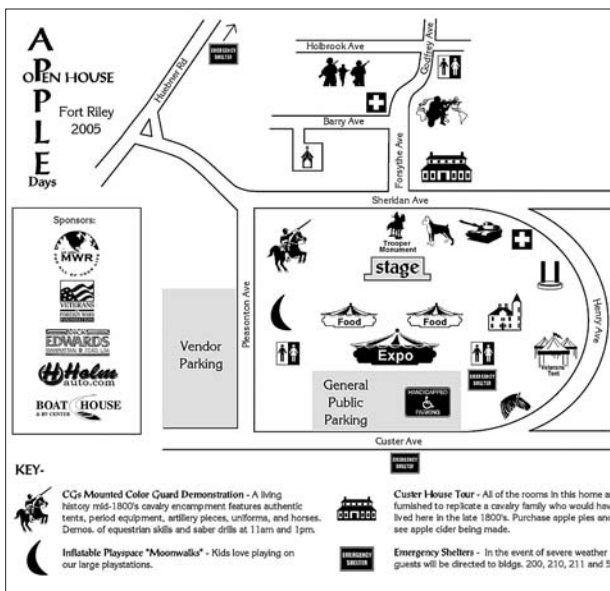
For example, Soldiers with the 1st Brigade Combat Team will park two M1 Abrams tanks, two M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, a Paladin 155mm howitzer and a "Humvee" fitted for cavalry scout missions," said Sgt. 1st Class Dean Stockert, 1st BCT noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of operations.

The open house will also include an obstacle course, petting zoo and mule rides for the children; military police K-9 demonstrations; frontier life re-enactors; and demonstrations of cavalry skills and horsemanship followed by an "Oktoberfest" and free concert.

### If you go:

Visitors to Fort Riley and take Exit 301 off Interstate 70 to Kansas Highway 18 and use the 12th Street gate or Ogden, Kan., gate. They also can enter the post from North Washington Street through the Trooper Drive gate.

Visitors without valid Department of Defense vehicle registration stickers will need to present a valid identification card for each adult occupant, proof of vehicle insurance and valid vehicle registration to access point personnel.



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- Expo Center** - Showcases soldier training, diverse and dynamic quality of life programs and activities, and community partnership agencies. Visit Varney's, City Cycle Sales, Credit Union 1, and Aaron's Sales & Lease.
- Global War on Terrorism** - At 9:30am the Commanding General will pay tribute to soldiers who died in support of the War on Terrorism. Following this will be the recognition of the Distinguished Trooper Award.
- Historical Tours** - Visit the US Cavalry Museum, Constabulary Museum, and outdoor historic vehicle display. Walk the self-guided tour of historic Main Post using the guide available at the US Cavalry Museum. QRs are available for purchase at "The Shoppe" located in the US Cavalry Museum.
- Main Post and St Mary's Chapel** - Tour the oldest stone chapel west of the Mississippi. See the beautiful stained glass windows.
- Military Working Dogs** - Military Police will demonstrate canine controlled aggression, drug interdiction, and explosive detection skills. Shows at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2pm.
- Information Center** - Children who have lost their parents can be claimed at the command post located on the Cavalry Parade Field to the west of the Trooper Monument.
- Obstacle Course** - Allows children to utilize camouflage face paint and negotiate a series of obstacles en route to a final objective.
- Petting Zoo** - See exotic animals from around the world in a safe and interactive environment.
- Tactical Vehicle Display** - Visitors will see combat systems up close and talk to the soldiers who operate the equipment.
- Veterans' Activities** - Features a "Walk through Time" showcasing uniforms, equipment, patches, and story boards of the American soldier.
- Music & Entertainment** - Local band "MainStreet" will play at approx. 10:30am, followed by "Wanted" around 1:00pm. Country Music Artist, John Stone, will perform from 6:00 - 10:00pm.

## Country artist to perform

### Former tank gunner steps onto post stage

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

John Stone

Country artist John Stone performs for the first time in Kansas when he takes the stage for a free concert Oct. 1 at Cavalry Parade Field.

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation booked Stone to entertain post residents and visitors following events of Apple Day and the open house scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1.

Stone's concert begins at 7 p.m. "I think the contract calls for two one-hour sets with a 30-minute intermission," Stone said Sept. 23, calling from a town near Panama City, Fla.

The show contains a lot of Stone's original music and some "cover tunes of other country artists the people will recognize. We'll do a few numbers with a patriotic theme," he said.

One of them is Stone's "We All Feel the Pain," and the rest will be numbers from other artists, he said.

Backing Stone will be a five-piece band and female singer.

**Home:** Dogtown, a small town in northern Alabama

**Music:** Began playing guitar at age 6. Also plays bass, drums, harmonica and piano. Began singing and writing songs in his early 20s. Released his first album, "Meet John Stone," in June 2004. He is touring radio stations to promote his second single, "Hell and Half of Georgia."

**Career:** Has opened for top artists, including Martina McBride, Alan Jackson, Gretchen Wilson, Tracy Lawrence, Brad Paisley, Lee Ann Womack, David Allen Coe, Mel McDaniel, Confederate Railroad, Billy Joe Royal and M.C. Potts.

**In Nashville:** Competed in television show "Nashville Star" in January 2003. He later played to packed houses at the renowned Tootsie's Orchid Lounge.

"We're bringing the whole band," he said. "We want to show the guys and girls a day of getting their minds off things and having a good time."

Stone served in Desert Storm, so he's no stranger to the military and what Soldiers face.

He was a tank gunner with the "Hell on Wheels" 2nd Armored Division and has been stationed at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Polk, La.;

and Fort McClellan, Ala.

"I've been trying to come play for troops at Fort Riley for awhile now," Stone said.

"We left the (open house) date open and it worked out for us," he said, saying he was happy it did.

Stone said the fact the post was home to tankers with the 1st Infantry Division and 1st Armored Division made the upcoming performance even more special for him.



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### Adding to the 'tablet'

Marty Gough of Gough Memorial Engraving engraves the names of 17 more Fort Riley Soldiers killed in Iraq on the Global War on Terrorism monument on post Sept. 19. A special ceremony at the monument will honor those killed, as well as "Distinguished Troopers" at 9:30 a.m. during the open house.

## 'Club' to make arrests

Staff report

Club Beyond, the post youth group sponsored by the Installation Chaplain's Office, plans to hold a mock jail fundraiser Oct. 1 on the grounds of Cavalry Parade Field.

Deputies, students and parents will be "arresting" friends, family members, commanders, Soldiers and others for a suggested donation of \$5 from the person requesting the arrest.

The people who get "arrested" will have the choice of spending 20 minutes in jail or paying a suggested "bail" donation of \$10.

Get out of jail free cards will be available for purchase by those

who might feel like they will frequently be thrown into jail. The cards are available for a suggested donation of \$15 and are good for the whole day.

Proceeds will help some students go on a mission trip to Mexico and others go to summer camp. All participants must live on or be found on Fort Riley and have a good sense of humor to participate.

This fundraiser is meant to be fun and not to offend anyone, a club representative said.

For more information, call Jason Grogan, Club Beyond director, at 210-6240, or watch for deputies Oct. 1 during Apple Day and open house festivities.





Post file photo  
"Old Bill" statue stands on north side of Cavalry Parade Field, commemorating the post's cavalry heritage.

## 'Old Bill' stands in prominent site

Well-known statue serves as backdrop for open house

By Mike Sykes  
KSU intern

The "Old Trooper Monument," located on the Cavalry Parade Field, serves as a memorial to the long and proud history of the U.S. Cavalry and as a gravestone for the last Cavalry mount registered on government rolls, said Bill McKale, curator of the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

The monument, which was dedicated on June 14, 1961, was built as part of the Kansas centennial celebration and is based on a pen and ink sketch done by artist Frederick Remington in 1898.

A drawing, commonly known

as "Old Bill," was done by Sgt. John Lannen from Troop C, 3rd U.S. Cavalry. Lannen's image was captured in Tampa, Fla., shortly before he departed for Cuba and the Spanish-American War. The image has become an enduring icon and a symbol of the spirit of the American Cavalryman.

The drawing graced the cover of the Cavalry Journal from January 1903 until August 1943. The original Remington sketch is on display at the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

McKale pointed out that the monument's fabrication is also closely tied to Fort Riley because it was constructed by Soldiers sta-

tioned on Fort Riley.

The names of those Soldiers are engraved on the monument, and include Spc. Robert L. Greene, the statue's sculptor, and Pfc. Richard Donda, Sgt. Clarence Holt and 1st Lt. Arthur Lee Jr., who helped with the project.

The statue is made of a composite of fiberglass, wood and metal painted to resemble a bronze statue.

The final resting place of the Cavalry's last registered mount Chief, lies directly in front of the monument.

Chief was buried in the upright position. This, according to legend, is so Chief will be ready to

ride again at a moment's notice.

Chief entered the Army in 1940 at Fort Robinson, Neb., and arrived at Fort Riley on April 3, 1941. He served with the 9th and 10th Cavalry units while at Fort Riley.

Chief was retired in July 1953 and died on May 24, 1968.

KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION  
2 x 4"  
Black Only  
Child

PURPLE WAVE AUCTION  
2 x 4"  
Black Only  
2x4 Purplewave Clay/Ctr

KANSAS PRESS ASSOCIATION  
2 x 4"  
Black Only  
Ovenfry

DAILY UNION  
6 x 12.5"  
Black Only  
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## Leisuretime ideas

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**Sept. 30** – The Skeleton Key (PG-13)

**Oct. 1** – Undiscovered (PG-13)

**Oct. 2** – The Skeleton Key (PG-13)

**Oct. 6** – Undiscovered (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

### Junction City:

**What:** "1940's Radio Hour." Junction City Little Theatre musical stage production.

**When:** 8 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

**Where:** Junction City Little Theatre, 18th Street, across from the Buffalo Soldier Memorial.

**Cost:** Adults \$12, students \$7, available at the door.

### Salina:

**What:** "Beauty and the Beast." Theater production.

**When:** Through Oct. 7

**Where:** Salina Community Theatre, 303 E. Iron Ave.

**Phone:** (785) 827-6126

**Admission:** charged

### Atchison:

**What:** Haunted Trolley Tour. Hour-long trolley tour of Most Haunted Town in Kansas narrated by costumed storyteller.

**When:** Friday and Saturday evenings, through Oct. 31

**Where:** 200 S. 10th St.

**Phone:** (913) 367-2427 or (800) 234-1854

**Admission:** \$8

### Cottonwood Falls:

**What:** Prairie Drifter Sunset Tour. Open-air two-hour ride in 1958 grain truck through 20 miles of scenic Flint Hills back roads.

**When:** Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct. 31

**Where:** 215 Broadway, Grand Central Hotel

**Phone:** (620) 273-6763

**Admission:** \$15

### Strong City:

**What:** Prairie Bus Tours. Tour the prairie's intricate system of plants and animals on this seven-mile bus tour led by National Park Service rangers. Experience sweeping views and endless skies.

**When:** 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. daily through Oct. 30

**Where:** Highway 177, Historic Ranch Headquarters

**Phone:** (620) 273-8494

**Admission:** \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids

### Bucklin:

**What:** Gaedert Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. Negotiate a 4.5-acre corn maze and choose your pumpkin at the pumpkin patch.

**When:** 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Nov. 6

**Where:** 1320 E. K2nd

**Phone:** (620) 543-3073 or (800) 638-2702

**Admission:** Varies

COTTONWOOD THEATERS  
1 x 3"  
Black Only  
1X3 COTTONWOOD SEPT



Post/Blackmon

Memorabilia such as plates, Christmas decorations, silver spoons and an ash tray from the early 1900s to today are a part of the U.S. Cavalry Museum's latest exhibit.

## Cavalry museum adds exhibit about old Riley

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

In July 1862, the St. Louis Republican newspaper described Fort Riley as military post "situated on the most beautiful site that could possibly have been selected. Every building connected with it is of stone and designed for every possible convenience."

Today, that newspaper's description greets post visitors to the U.S. Cavalry Museum's latest exhibit.

From stone boundary markers once used to mark the edges of post to antique household hardware, including doorknobs and light fixtures, the exhibit showcases the early days of Fort Riley.

"(This exhibit) gives visitors some perspective of how the post developed," said Bill McKale, museum curator.

"When you stop and think of the transition Fort Riley is undergoing now, I think students of his-

tory will be interested in how the fort evolved during its early years," he said.

Visitors can also check out memorabilia from past years, including a World War II-era souvenir pillowcase and a decorative plate more than 100 years old.

Maps of the major camps on post are on display. Architectural line drawings of old buildings hang on the walls of the exhibit area.

Also displayed are watercolor paintings of various historic buildings painted by area resident Cora Duchene and a collage by Susan Wilson, whose husband was once stationed at Fort Riley.

The exhibit is a collaborative effort between the museum staff with the support of Fort Riley's Directorate of Environment and

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1x1 Body 1st 9/ R116 ml

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SCREEN MACHINE  
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Black Only  
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MERCY REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER A  
2 x 4"  
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